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Port faces shut-down as chaos increases

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

IFA — Ashdod and Haifa harbors became more chaotic yesterday as stevedores made good their demand for a 22 per cent wage increase and did even less work than single norm they have been doing for the past 22 days.

The intensified go-slow strike followed the Sunday night breakdown of a last-minute mediated negotiations between the Ports Authority and the stevedores' wage demands.

Today the Labour Ministry's relations officer will attempt to mediate between the two sides. The stevedores threatened today to stop all work at the port, with 50 freighters tied up outside the two ports, the stevedores performed only one-third of their normal output. During the previous three days of their go-slow they had been working at half normal speed for one week, had exempted fruit and perishable farm exports from their actions.

The "period of grace" ended last night. The port stevedores announced yesterday that they would not handle shipments diverted to them from the ports.

Losses to shipowners, importers and exporters and the money rose into the millions of shekels, the Chamber of Shipping announced yesterday that owners had decided to impose a 5 per cent delay surcharge on export cargoes in the two ports, and raise their surcharge on imports from 10 to 15 per cent.

The Shippers Council, which represents importers and exporters, rejected the "unilateral decision" and instructed its members not to pay the extra charges. Chamber secretary David Shany said the owners had already suffered over \$6 million in direct losses and had made the unilateral decision to raise the surcharge because they had been unable to reach agreement with the shippers' council.

Council director Arye Mehoul said it was unreasonable that only the shipowners should be compensated for the losses all were incurring.

Today an emergency meeting of manufacturers and exporters is to be held in Tel Aviv at which a proposal will be raised to close both ports completely "to let the situation sink into the minds of the authorities."

Mehoul said that some believed that only by so drastic an action would it be possible to get the government to take action to stop the ruinous strike, something 22 days of partial operation of the ports during the most important export month of the year had failed to do.

He stressed that the emergency measures taken so far — airfreighting some farm exports and (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)



PLO gunmen walk past the burning cargo ship My Charm yesterday after it was hit by Israeli naval gunfire. The vessel was one of two freighters in Tripoli harbour hit as the IDF continued to block the departure of Yasser Arafat and his besieged followers. (UPI telephoto)

'Israel made its point' by shelling Tripoli

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomat Correspondent

With the evacuation of the PLO from Tripoli now about to begin, Israeli policy-makers feel they have satisfactorily "made their point" by heightening Yasser Arafat's disfigurement through naval bombardment of his on-shore positions.

There is plainly no intention of extending that harassment to the Greek ships which are to evacuate the PLO chief and his remaining men, or to the French warships which will escort them.

While the government in Jerusalem has pursued during the past two weeks what officials call a policy of "deliberately" befogging our intentions, "the basic limits of the policy were clear to all the parties involved. The PLO could and would be hit while still on land. But they would be safe once aboard ships of friendly states flying the UN flag."

Defence Minister Moshe Arens, stuck to the "befogging" line in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday. He refused to assure members expressly that Israel would not attack the Greek ships.

But a prominent Likud member of the committee, Yosef Rom, made it clear in a radio interview that this in fact was the government's policy. Israeli officials dismissed Labour opposition contentions that the "befogging" would result in Arafat's leaving Tripoli like a hero, as though he had run the gauntlet of IDF efforts to prevent his departure.

They said Arafat's true situation was plain for all the world to see, and they noted that there had been "no outcry" at the navy's shelling of Arafat's positions. They felt his assumption of responsibility for the recent bus-bomb in Jerusalem had significantly reduced world sympathy for his plight.

Cohen-Orgad defers reply on fiscal bill

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad deferred his reply to a debate on a fiscal bill he had presented, because the bill lacked a majority.

At the time the draft law before the Knesset would levy a monthly indexed fee of \$1585 on every family that has a child in school during the school year 1984-1985.

In the past two weeks, Cohen-Orgad twice deferred his reply to debate on the bills raising the general income tax from 60 to 66 per cent and levying a tax on the allowances paid for the first two children of parents in the higher tax brackets.

Yesterday, as the debate drew to a close, members of both coalition and opposition streamed into the chamber, but the count of the coalitions showed it to be short a vote and they so informed Cohen-Orgad.

Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Ben Zion Rubin attended the bill in the debate, and later told reporters that he would vote against it.

Ora Namir was the first of 13 Alignment speakers who denounced the proposed fee as retrogressive and a shameful reversal of the Compulsory (and free) Education Law of 1949. They said it would come on top of existing fees for school equipment, trips and after-school groups. The fee was characteristic of government ministers "who are the spiritual fathers of the video culture," Namir said.

Video also figured in Rubin's speech. There is something wrong with a scale of values that strikes at the principle of free education, at least for the first eight years, while every other household has a video recorder and one out of three owns a car, he said.

Calling on the government to reconsider the fee, he called it "a tax on having children." Rubin said that if the government needs more revenue it should increase the income tax, which is progressive and takes into account the number (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Central bank will examine increases in bank charges

Post Economic Reporter

The Bank of Israel will examine one of the pending proposals by commercial banks to increase charges for their services, and will ask them if the request is considered unreasonable.

His was decided yesterday at a meeting attended by Banks External Affairs Director, Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir, and the minister for trade practices in Industry and Trade Ministry, Yehoshua Galmor.

Commercial banks plan to start raising interest every month — not every three months as at present — on cheque accounts. The banks also plan to raise the fees for using as collection agencies for utility companies.

In the past, the Bank of Israel has said that it did not have the authority to prevent hikes in bank commission rates. But yesterday Maor was told by Zamir that she has full powers to do so, if the prices are set "unreasonably high" by the banks.

A spokesman for the Justice Ministry said that this instruction does not come as a substitute for the existing law on restricting trade practices by the banks.

Galmor wrote yesterday to MK Haim Ramon (Alignment) that a full examination of possible violations of the Trade Practices Law by the banks is being carried out now by his department.

Rumsfeld's visit to Iraq may be signal to Iranians

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter
and agencies

U.S. special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld arrived in Baghdad yesterday, the first time a senior American official has visited the Iraqi capital since Iraq severed diplomatic ties with Washington in 1967.

A representative of the Iraqi Foreign Ministry's protocol department met Rumsfeld at Baghdad Airport, according to a terse official announcement which gave no further details.

Rumsfeld's visit is plainly a landmark in U.S.-Iraqi relations, and fits with Iraq's growing rapprochement with Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and other traditional U.S. allies in the region.

Iraq's war with Iran has tended to draw the country out of the circle of radical confrontation states against Israel, and into the circle of pro-American conservative Arab states which feel most threatened by the spread of Khomeinism.

Rumsfeld's visit could thus be read as a signal in Iran, which has been bracing itself for some form of American military action since the recent attacks on U.S. targets in Lebanon and Kuwait.

The U.S. envoy arrived in Baghdad from Saudi Arabia, where he met with King Fahd yesterday in an apparent bid to explain the recent U.S.-Iraqi strategic cooperation agreement, which has caused considerable concern in Riyadh and in other Arab capitals.

This was the main purpose of Rumsfeld's visit to Cairo over the weekend, before he went on to Riyadh on Sunday.

Greek fleet on its way to evacuate Arafat

NICOSIA — Five Greek ships sailing to evacuate Yasser Arafat and his PLO forces from Tripoli put to sea last night, commanders on board told Reuters.

In a ship-to-shore link at 8:15 p.m., the commander of the French aircraft carrier Clemenceau, which along with three corvettes is accompanying the Greek rescue fleet, said the operation had just begun and the fleet was bound for Tripoli.

The departure followed Greek government consultations with all interested parties on the safe passage of the vessels.

"We had consultations and meetings with the interested parties which went well," Dimitris Maroudas, the Greek government spokesman said. He had earlier said he hoped for "new promises of safe passage for the vessels."

Maroudas said the interested parties with which the government discussed the safe passage of the Greek vessels from Tripoli were the U.S., Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Italy and France.

The French carrier commander said: "The five Greek ships which will carry out the rescue mission to Tripoli are sailing now."

He declined to say if guarantees for the ships' safety had been given by parties involved in the operation.

But the senior commander of the Greek fleet, Kyriacos Mouchatas, said in another ship-to-shore call that the Greek government had told him through the Merchant Marine Ministry that guarantees had been obtained for a safe passage.

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Arafat yesterday postponed the evacuation of the beleaguered terrorists from Tripoli after Israel intensified its bombardment of the port.

Arafat said he had also instructed the PLO representative at the UN to lodge a protest with the Security Council against Israeli attacks.

Arafat told reporters the evacuation would still go ahead, but he did not say when.

Arafat decided to postpone the evacuation, scheduled to begin yesterday, soon after Israeli gunboats rammed home Israel's displeasure at the international rescue operation by again shelling the Tripoli docks.

Residents of Tripoli were awakened at 5 a.m. with the steady thumping of naval gunfire as shells smashed into the port, sinking an already crippled ship and setting a small Cypriot freighter ablaze.

In a brief talk with reporters, Arafat denied that the Cypriot freighter contained PLO heavy weapons.

The estimated 4,000 terrorists under Arafat's command have been bottled up in Tripoli since last month by rebel PLO units backed by Syria.

The five Greek ships flying the UN flag, which were to have sailed from Larnaca, Cyprus, to Tripoli during the night Sunday, refused to move then because of the shooting.

Arafat's loyalists, meanwhile, began gathering yesterday in assembly points in this northern city of half a million residents as the Lebanese national police force began to circulate around the town.

Late yesterday afternoon, rebels and loyalists were reported by Lebanon's state radio to have begun a prisoner exchange in Tripoli.

According to the radio, the loyalists were holding 40 rebel fighters and the rebels had 24 loyalists in captivity. There was no immediate confirmation of the exchange from PLO officials.

The streets around Arafat's headquarters were teeming with activity and there was heavy traffic to and from the rendezvous centres in preparation for the evacuation.

Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan yesterday criticized Israeli raids in the Shouf mountains and on Tripoli, saying such tactics were obstructing the evacuation plan (Reuters, AP)

U.S. urges Israel to stop impeding PLO

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The White House yesterday called on Israel to stop impeding the evacuation of the Palestine Liberation Organization from Tripoli.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the U.S. view had been spelled out directly to Israel "in the most explicit terms." He gave no details.

"The United States hopes and expects that impediments, such as recent Israeli actions, to the expeditious evacuation of (PLO Leader Yasser) Arafat and his forces will be removed," Speakes said.

Earlier yesterday, Speakes said only that the U.S. supported the evacuation and did not specifically mention Israeli actions.

Port and terror bases targeted IAF, Navy hit both sides of PLO

ASHER WALLFISH
and JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that the government's undefined public policy on the PLO evacuation from Tripoli would continue. He said that Israel had no reason to regret the struggle between PLO chief Yasser Arafat and dissident terrorist leader Abu Musa.

"As far as we are concerned, they can both lose. They can kill each other," he said. "It's like the war between Iraq and Iran. And we feel this way particularly after the Jerusalem bus-bomb outrage," the minister said.

When Labour MK Michael Bar-Zohar asked Arens: "Will you let them leave or won't you?" Arens replied: "That's just what Arafat would like to know."

The Israeli Navy yesterday kept up its attacks on the port of Tripoli, and the Air Force bombed positions held by PLO rebels led by Abu Musa in the Bhandoun area.

The gunboat attack — the sixth in 10 days — was launched before dawn and reportedly lasted 25 minutes. Enemy gunners on the north Lebanese shore fired back, but according to the Israel Defence Forces spokesman — missed.

Speaking to reporters yesterday morning Arafat charged that delayed-action bombs exploded about two hours after the raid. Western journalists in the area said they did hear explosions from the direction of the harbour at 6:30 a.m.

The IDF spokesman's announcement, issued shortly before dawn, said that the Navy scored accurate hits in its shelling of terrorist targets in the port.

The Associated Press reported from Tripoli that the raid had set ablaze a Cypriot cargo ship, My Charm. Another, previously damaged Lebanese ship tied to the wharf was sunk, the agency added.

Israel also attacked terrorist positions in Lebanon from the air yesterday. Shortly before 8 a.m. Israeli dive-bombing jets attacked sites in the Bhandoun-Aley area near the Beirut-Damascus road.

The IDF spokesman said that the pilots reported accurate hits. The statement did not identify the targets except for saying they were terrorist bases.

Military sources said that one target was a three-storey building and the other a two-storey building.

The Syrian command in Damascus issued a communique saying that the jets hit a Syrian army position and a hospital operated by leftist Lebanese militias.

The Lebanese State radio said the planes drew a barrage of surface-to-air missiles, but deflected them with flares. According to the IDF spokesman all planes returned safely to base. A Druse spokesman told Reuters that one person was killed when a Palestinian medical centre was hit.

Deir al-Kamar evacuation proceeds

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA — In contrast with the past two days, when there was interference by local Druse, the evacuation of Christians from Deir al-Kamar proceeded yesterday without a hitch.

According to military sources, 518 Christians were evacuated by bus and ambulance to Jezzine, and from there to Sidon and Beirut.

The evacuation is expected to last another five days, after which a total of 4,500 Christians will have been evacuated from the Shouf Mountain town. Several thousand will remain, guarded by several hundred Phalangist militiamen, with Druse agreement.

The evacuation is being protected by IDF troops of the paratroop and Golani brigades and of the newly reconstituted Givati Brigade, for whom this is their first assignment.

Arens: Demolitions are deterrent, will go on

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday that Israel would have to "live with the problem of Arab stone-throwing in Judea and Samaria because it does not want to take measures contrary to its norms."

Briefing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Arens said that Jewish settlers in the areas who take the law into their own hands are playing into the hands of the Arab rioters, who are only seeking to cause a deterioration in the security situation.

Arens said that every Israeli expert handling affairs in Judea and Samaria agreed that demolishing houses occupied by terrorists is the most powerful deterrent measure available, and hence is not to be dispensed with.

He said: "We are continuing to study the matter. We would like to reach clearer conclusions. We are continually seeking effective deterrents. Should it emerge that demolition of houses fails to deter effectively, we shall stop using that measure."

On the general situation, he said that support for the PLO in Judea and Samaria had fallen off lately and Israel must encourage this trend.

During the first eight months of this year, Arens said, there were more riots in the areas than in the corresponding months of 1982. The situation eased in September and October but in November there was a new upsurge, with 40 per cent more incidents than in November 1982.

Arens said that there is no way of keeping Jews and Arabs apart in Nazareth any more than in Judea and Samaria. The attempt to keep them separate does not make for better relations, he said.

The minister said the findings of the IDF inquiry into the Tyre bomb blast were "very grave." He said it was unfair to charge, as some did, that the inquiry had originally dodged the issues. The truth was that the first report already led to the launching of an investigation by the Military Police, to see whether files should be opened against any individuals, he said.

Irish MPs to visit Israel despite cool official reaction

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
and Agencies

NDON — Two leading members of Parliament from Ireland's headline Protestant Democratic Unionist Party (P) were given little encouragement to visit Israel to study anti-terrorist methods when they called to the Israeli Embassy here yesterday.

Irish MPs Ian Paisley, leader of DUP, and Peter Robinson, still to visit Israel next year, a party official said yesterday. The official said he did not yet know the commission of the delegation or the date of its departure for Israel.

Paisley and Robinson called at the embassy yesterday following a meeting in Ulster last week with Michael Bar-Zohar, who was a fact-finding tour of Northern Ireland as a guest of the Foreign Office.

Security was among the issues discussed, and as a result Paisley decided to visit Israel to assess security measures, especially border fences.

But when Paisley and Robinson met Moshe Raviv, minister at the embassy, he told them that while Israel is an open country which anyone may visit, "anti-terrorist and other defence-related subjects are discussed solely on a government-to-government basis and not through political parties, groups or personalities."

Bar-Zohar said last week that Paisley is convinced of the need for a security fence between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic to prevent Irish Republican terrorists from smuggling arms into the British province.

Speaking in Jerusalem after his return from Northern Ireland, Bar-Zohar said Israel's frontier with Jordan is mined and heavily guarded, while the Irish border had numerous crossing points and no passport controls.

Milo says Speaker Savidor doesn't care about coalition

Post Knesset Correspondent

Likud faction chairman Ronnie Milo told the coalition executive yesterday that Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor "doesn't care about the coalition, so the coalition need not care about Savidor."

He said that it would be an effective signal to Savidor to pay more attention to the interests of the coalition if the Knesset insists on appointing another three deputy speakers, a move which Savidor has hitherto blocked.

"The Knesset is Savidor's private toy," Milo charged.

Other coalition leaders said that Savidor apparently votes in favour of urgent debates at the Alignment's request merely to create the impression that the Knesset is active.

Some resented the fact that Savidor met once lately with the Alignment faction to discuss parliamentary work, whereas he has not yet requested a meeting with the coalition.

Savidor belongs to the Liberal wing of the Likud, Milo to Herut.

Army, Druse clash in Shouf Mountains

BEIRUT (Reuters) — The Lebanese Army clashed with Druse militiamen in the mountains southeast of Beirut yesterday in the first notable violation of last Friday's cease-fire, security and Druse sources said.

An official in the mainly Druse Progressive Socialist Party (PSP), whose fighters face the army in the mountains, said the PSP still considered Friday's truce to be in force.

The cease-fire agreement on Friday, arranged in Damascus, provided for the reopening of Beirut International Airport, which had been closed since November 30.

Arthur Rubinstein's final wish granted

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The ashes of pianist Arthur Rubinstein will be interred tomorrow in a forest west of Jerusalem after rabbinical approval was obtained to bury the urn outside a cemetery.

The pianist, who died a year ago, had wanted the ashes spread through the forest that bears his name near the Kennedy memorial west of Jerusalem. Mayor Teddy Kollek asked former Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef for permission to do so a year ago. But Yosef would not allow this on the grounds that the whole forest would then have to be treated according to the religious laws concerning cemeteries.

In August, Jerusalem's Sephardi Chief Rabbi Shalom Mashash sent Kollek a letter saying it would be permissible to bury an urn with Rubinstein's ashes in a fenced plot. The city has now chosen a plot in the Rubinstein Forest. The city had originally planned to build an observation post named for Rubinstein close to Moshav Aminudav near the Kennedy memorial, but both the moshav and the Matus Yehuda regional council objected to this. The city is looking for another site.

Rubinstein's widow, Aniela, is to arrive in Israel today for tomorrow's interment ceremony. Tomorrow evening, there will be a memorial concert for Rubinstein at the Jerusalem Theatre.

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The weather at major Swissair destinations

15.12.83	MIN	MAX	C	F	W
AMSTERDAM	-2	3	28	82	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	-2	3	28	82	Cloudy
BUENOS AIRES	20	26	68	81	Cloudy
CHICAGO	-21	-17	-1	31	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	1	3	34	93	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	1	3	34	93	Cloudy
GENEVA	-2	2	28	82	Cloudy
HELSINKI	3	27	37	99	Cloudy
HONG KONG	15	20	59	98	Cloudy
JERUSALEM	17	20	63	101	Cloudy
LONDON	10	10	50	122	Cloudy
LISBON	5	11	41	106	Cloudy
MADRID	5	11	41	106	Cloudy
MONTREAL	-15	-11	7	45	Cloudy
NEW YORK	-2	2	28	82	Cloudy
OSLO	-5	2	23	73	Cloudy
PARIS	7	10	45	113	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	19	26	66	101	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	18	24	64	105	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	6	21	43	109	Cloudy
TOKYO	0	22	36	97	Cloudy
TORONTO	5	23	41	105	Cloudy
VIENNA	0	32	61	140	Cloudy
ZURICH	0	32	61	140	Cloudy

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	52	7-12
Golan	50	4-13
Nahariya	55	7-18
Safed	73	9-19
Haifa Port	57	12-18
Tiberias	59	7-18
Nazareth	60	8-15
Afula	57	4-17
Shimon	53	5-15
Tel Aviv	50	8-18
B.C. Airport	52	7-19
Jericho	49	6-19
Gaza	57	10-19
Beer-sheva	50	7-18
Beit	25	8-23

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Shulamit Shamir, wife of the Prime Minister, was the guest of WIZO House yesterday afternoon. Michal Modai, chairperson of WIZO Israel, and World WIZO President Raya Jaglom addressed the gathering.

Mrs. Raya Jaglom, president of World WIZO, this week gave a reception in her home in honour of the new president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, Mrs. Cecily Peters, and the Canadian delegation to the Youth Aliya 50th Anniversary Conference.

DEPARTURES

Minister of Science and Development Yussuf Ne'eman for Paris, where he is to meet his French counterpart and other French officials.

Ministry closes fraudulent yeshivot

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dozens of yeshivot have been closed as a result of inspections by the Religious Affairs Ministry, the ministry spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

He said the visits, made during the past six months, revealed that these institutions either had fewer students than reported or virtually no students at all. Yeshivot receive ministry support according to their number of students.

The spokesman denied that any opposition to such visits had come from the former head of the Agudat Yisrael Council of Sages, Rabbi Eliezer Schuch. On the contrary, he said, Schuch had met with ministry officials before the visits began and had backed the move.

He also stressed that the money saved by the investigations would go to other yeshivot.

Radio show to be on tape following row

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Kol Yisrael radio programme on law, *Din U'Purim*, will be broadcast in future on tape rather than live, because its editor was found to have voiced his personal criticism of top officials on the air.

Broadcasting Authority Director-General Yosef Lapid decided yesterday that senior radio editors would listen to each taped programme before broadcast, so that such voicing of personal opinion would not again occur.

Moshe Hanegbi, the programme's editor, was first heard criticizing

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Classes start today 1 hour late

By SUSAN BELLOS
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

Classes will begin at 9 this morning in kindergartens, elementary schools, junior highs, those high schools where the teachers are members of the Histadrut Teachers Union, and teachers' colleges.

The union's one-hour warning strike is a protest against the Education Ministry's decision not to allow the hiring of substitute teachers during the first three days of the regular teacher's absence, part of the ministry's IS450 million budget cut.

The Histadrut Teachers Union, which claims failure to hire substitutes can endanger children's safety, will meet with Prime Minister Shamir tomorrow to try to win his support for their position.

The Secondary School Teachers' Association is not participating in this morning's strike. But they say that if the Histadrut Teachers Union meets with the prime minister they, too, want such a meeting to register their dissatisfaction with the ministry's substitute teacher cut.

Shmueli said last night that he regretted the strike but unless the substitute teacher cut was made, the ministry would have to take other measures which would cause more distress to needy sectors of the population.

Price of phone tokens rises to IS5

Post Economic Reporter

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved a rise in the price of telephone tokens from IS4.2 to IS5. It is due to vote today on a 20 to 50 per cent increase in charges for all other postal and telephone services, as requested by the Communications Ministry.

Most of the committee members attacked the ministry's request, noting that it had promised in the past not to request price increases over 25 per cent.

Coalition and opposition members agreed that the hike would boost inflation. Dan Tichon (Liberal) said ministers should understand that price increases should not exceed the average rise in prices.

Adi Amori (Alignment) said the Treasury is using inflation as a tool to lower wages, instead of cutting government spending.



Schoolgirls gather to pass the time near a pile of garbage yesterday on Rehov Rabbi Akiva in Bnei Brak, where a strike by the town's 1,000 municipal workers shut some schools and stopped garbage collection. The strike began on Friday and intensified yesterday. (IPPA)

Shultz defends U.S. consulate against Israeli complaints

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday defended the behaviour of the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem in the face of the latest Israeli complaints that American diplomats there are still promoting the activities of pro-PLO West Bankers.

The visiting coordinator of activities in the administered territories, Tal Aluf Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, charged during a meeting with Shultz yesterday that U.S. consular officials are actually working against American as well as Israeli interests in "encouraging" these pro-PLO circles.

Prime Minister Shamir, during his recent summit in Washington, also raised the matter of the consulate in Jerusalem.

But Shultz and other U.S. officials denied yesterday that U.S. diplomats there are acting improperly or undermining the peace process. According to Ben-Eliezer, the secretary maintained that those U.S. officials in Jerusalem responsible for maintaining contact with West Bankers are behaving in the highest traditions of U.S. diplomacy.

Ben-Eliezer, who met with Shultz for one hour, emerged from the

State Department to inform Israeli journalists that a high-level State Department delegation will return to Israel late next month for a second round of meetings designed to improve conditions for the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

The delegation will be chaired by Peter Rodman of the Policy Planning Staff and William Kirby of the Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Bureau. They first visited Israel and the West Bank last August.

Israel, Ben-Eliezer said yesterday, is prepared to cooperate with the Americans provided that any U.S. financial and technical assistance is coordinated through official Israeli channels. He said the Reagan administration is prepared to work together with Israel in these areas.

What the secretary and his advisers were most anxious to underline, he said, was their conviction that greater economic prosperity in the territories might promote a more moderate West Bank political stance.

Ben-Eliezer insisted the problem is not "socio-economic" but political. He was clearly not convinced that additional economic growth would necessarily result in a more accommodating attitude toward Israel.

Treasury charges wastage in oil-refining operations

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Knesset State Control Committee witnessed a heavy exchange of accusations between the Finance and the Energy Ministries after a Treasury official charged that the latter was responsible for waste totalling tens of millions of dollars a year.

Ran Mossensohn, a senior official of the Treasury's budget division, told committee members that the Energy Ministry's erroneous policy of oil purchase and allocation is losing the economy large amounts of money.

The country yearly imports some 7 million tons of crude oil of different kinds and at various prices. The fuel is transferred to the Haifa Refineries where it is transformed into heavy and light fuel according

to a pre-established allocation.

According to Mossensohn, the two kinds of fuel differ in price by as much as \$60 per ton. The refineries produce more light fuel than specified, resulting in a smaller production of heavy fuel, which makes it necessary to import it. The refineries sell the oversupply of light fuels abroad.

The head of the Fuel Authority at the Energy Ministry, however, said that Mossensohn was misleading the committee as he had misled State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunk. The export operations of the refineries, he said, were designed to take advantage of their production capacity and through this to reduce the price of fuels by cutting overheads in average cost.

The State Control Committee decided to nominate a fact-finding mission to visit the refineries.

Search goes on for 17-year-old girl

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NESS ZIONA. — A wide-spread search for 17-year-old Dafna Spiegel, who has been missing since last Thursday evening, continued for the fourth day yesterday with police and Border Police combing the area. But by yesterday evening no clues had been turned up.

Spiegel, who was on vacation from a Scouts course in Ma'alot, left home at 11 p.m. Thursday after quarrelling with her parents. Her brother's pistol was found missing after she left.

Spiegel's parents notified the police on Friday that she had not returned the previous night, and since then the police have been searching for her. She left no hint of

where she was going, police said. Several residents of Ma'alot, in Galilee, were questioned by police but none knew where Spiegel might be. It was learned that she had suffered from bouts of depression recently.

Spiegel is 1.64 metres tall, with blue eyes and blonde hair. She left home wearing an orange turtle-neck sweater and jeans, a hooded winter jacket and sneakers.

Two sentenced to life

HAIFA (Itim). — Two villagers from Rummana, south of Nazareth, were sentenced yesterday to life imprisonment in the local district court for the murder of their village mukhtar (headman). Two other villagers drew jail terms for being involved.

Sabri Haif Abu Shakir, 27, and Nabil Fuad Sabhat, 25, were sentenced to life imprisonment for strangling Tewfik Anis al-Amur, 48, with a keffiyeh head-dress in a quarrel between village clans. Tewfik Ali Salah Sabhat, 38, was sentenced to 15 years for manslaughter, and Bassem Sadek Sabhat, 24, got five years for assisting in kidnapping the mukhtar.

Ousted lands official to go gracefully

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The ousted director-general of the Israel Lands Administration, Meir Shamir, has no intention of contesting his firing before the High Court of Justice, Shamir told *The Jerusalem Post* that he accepts the cabinet's decision without reservation. "I have always been a disciplined man," he said, "and I honour the decision of the cabinet."

The Post yesterday reported speculation that Shamir would appeal to the High Court. Scorching these rumours, Shamir said that he had come to the end of a phase in his career and the new phase begins today. He did not yet know what he would be doing.

Shamir expressed regret over his

ouster, noting that he had worked well with both Ariel Sharon and Simha Ehrlich when they were agriculture ministers. He said he had the "feeling" that there were political reasons for his ouster.

Although not politically active, Shamir, a former director of the Jewish National Fund development authority and former acting head of the World Zionist Organization settlement department, is associated with the Labour party.

Shamir said he was gratified at the appreciation which had been expressed for his work, "from Tebiya to Mapam."

Reacting to the media reports that one reason for his dismissal was his refusal of orders from

Agriculture Minister Pessah Grop per to sell state land, Shamir noted that he had not specifically obeyed an order to sell such land. The question had not yet come up but he admitted that he would have defied such an order if it had been given. The former director noted that the prohibition on selling state land is part of the basic law.

Shamir said that he fully supported the law and hopes that it will not be changed. Commenting on Shamir's dismissal, Simha Assaf, secretary-general of the Organization of Agricultural Workers, said yesterday that he hoped that Shamir's replacement would continue to protect state lands.

Chances dwindle for cut in MKs' wages

By AVI TEMKIN
and ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The chances of a 10 per cent cut in the wages of Knesset members, ministers and judges seemed to dwindle yesterday after the Alignment decided against the step, and some coalition members at the Knesset Finance Committee voiced their opposition as well.

Alignment committee members Haim Ramon, Imri Ron and Avraham Katz-Oz asked yesterday to be replaced at the committee deliberation on the subject, since they favoured the proposed cut and their faction's official position was against. A fourth member, Neftali Feder, who had favoured the cut last week, spoke against it yesterday. Feder said that it was liable to

serve as a precedent for solving the economic problems of the country through a reduction in workers' salaries.

Alignment whip Adi Amori complained that Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad had personally intervened in the matter, against an established tradition that wages of senior office-holders are determined by the Finance Committee. Amori added that the Alignment will not vote for a measure that could be interpreted as meaning that lower wages are the solution to the country's economic problems.

Even among those in favour of the cut there were voices for a quarterly adjustment of wages of MKs, instead of the current semi-annual increases. Others, like Avraham Melamed (National

Religious Party) said that the salaries of judges should not be affected.

The Alignment Knesset faction decided that instead of an across-the-board cut in Knesset members' pay, all Alignment MKs will give up part of their salary on a sliding scale, to be devoted to some worthy social cause.

It decided to use the overall income of its members as the basis, which to calculate how much each one would waive. The move would be collected by the faction and transferred to the appropriate cause.

Labour MK Ya'acov Gil said the Treasury wants to make use of MKs' agreement to reduce the salaries to get wage-earners as a whole to reduce their salaries.

Mothers of 'desaparecidos' still have hopes for children

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The mothers of some of the Jews who disappeared during the military regime in Argentina believe that some of their children may still be alive and in prison, two Knesset Members told the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee yesterday.

Michael Kleiner (Likud) and Dov Zakin (Alignment) said they met in Buenos Aires with relatives of the missing Jews, who spoke to Argentina President Raul Alfonsín.

Oskar Haimovici, a member of the Israel Committee of relatives of desaparecidos, (the disappeared) told the Knesset body that, when a Knesset delegation finally goes to

Buenos Aires to help ascertain the fate of the missing Jews, it should also probe anti-Semitism in Argentinian prisons. He said that neo-Nazism has taken root among prison staffs and that Jewish prisoners are subjected to abuse.

Committee chairman Uzi Baram said he wrote to Prime Minister Shamir urging him to allow the Knesset delegation to go to Argentina as rapidly as possible, before political conditions there change.

Kleiner said that the advent of the new regime in Argentina has caused a change of heart within its Jewish community. Potential immigrants to Israel have decided to remain where they are, in the hope of an economic boom.

Christian group still plans on building hotel near Gilo

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Beth Shalom Christian movement has not withdrawn plans to build a controversial hotel near the Jerusalem suburb of Gilo, the movement's attorney said yesterday.

Attorney David Arad was speaking at a packed meeting of a municipal subcommittee on planning. The committee met to hear nearly 340 objections which claimed that Beth Shalom plans to build a missionary centre.

Many residents of Gilo quoted publications issued by one of the U.S. branches of Beth Shalom, and claimed that these publications showed clear missionary intent.

Other residents claimed that Beth Shalom had misled the municipality by saying it wants to build a hotel, while it is, in fact, planning a "world centre" for the movement.

Arad said that as far as he knew the movement does not intend to proselytize.

The municipality originally defended Beth Shalom, citing its support for Israel and its many philanthropic contributions. But municipal officials now seem to feel differently about Beth Shalom, and have started to question its motives.

A few weeks ago Mayor Teddy Kollek sent a letter to the movement's headquarters saying that only non-Jews should be allowed to stay in the hotel.

Land broker found with gold, guns

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A West Bank land broker was fined IS250,000 and received a six-month suspended sentence in the district court here yesterday, for illegal possession of dollars and weapons.

Shmuel Einav, who had been active for several years purchasing land in Samaria, was found in possession of IS78,000, five fragmentation grenades, two pistols and ammunition, and 2 kilos of gold, all without permits.

Einav had received permission to hold dollars for quick transactions, but these permits had lapsed. The court heard evidence that Einav was working with the approval of the authorities and has no criminal record. One of the pistols had been given him by a former chief of staff, the late David Elazar; the grenades had been given him by an IDF colonel while he was on official security service abroad.

The judge took into consideration Einav's past service to the state, and accepted that he did not intend to use the weapons for criminal purposes. He also ordered the confiscation of IS7,000 and ordered a permit given to Einav for the balance of the IS78,000.

BASKETBALL

Results from last night's games in the 17th round of the National League:

Mac. Tel Aviv 84, Hap. Holon 69; Mac. Haifa 85, Mac. South Tel Aviv 79; Hap. Ramat Gan 88, Hap. Haifa 81; Hap. Tel Aviv 96, Hap. Upper Galilee 87; Mac. Elitzur Maccabi 94, Hap. Ashdod 77; Betar Tel Aviv 70, Mac. Ramat Gan 69.

Egyptian man kills himself in Eilat jail

EILAT (Itim). — An Egyptian citizen, aged 42, who was being held in jail here, hanged himself yesterday, police said.

The man was arrested earlier this month when he crossed the border illegally from Jordan in search of work.

ORNAMENT. — The Zich Ya'acov police station was crowded with local car owners yesterday to come to identify and claim automobile hood ornaments stolen by youths and recovered by police.

NII hopes to adjust benefits by month's end

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The National Insurance Institute announced yesterday that it is making a special effort to adjust benefits linked to the average wage so that they can be paid at the new levels by the end of the month.

The adjustments are necessary because of the 17.9 per cent advance to be paid on the Cost-of-Living Increment, which in turn pushes up the average wage used as a standard to calculate NII payments such as unemployment benefits, old-age pensions and widows' and survivors' benefits.

The pension for a single elderly person eligible for income supplements will be IS15,265 this month.

Princess Caroline to marry Italian

MONACO (Reuters). — Princess Caroline of Monaco will marry Stefano Casiraghi, son of a wealthy Italian family, at the royal palace here on December 29, a spokesman for Prince Rainier announced yesterday.

The 25-year-old Casiraghi's family made its fortune in oil, heating and property.

Princess Caroline's previous marriage to French businessman Philippe J. not lasted two years and was dissolved in October 1980 by a Monaco court.

Egyptian FM to U.S.

CAIRO (AP). — Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali left for Washington yesterday on a three-day visit to discuss Egypt's concerns about Middle East peace efforts, the U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation agreement and American aid to Egypt.

All told reporters at Cairo airport he was carrying a message from President Hosni Mubarak to President Ronald Reagan dealing with "the Egyptian view of the latest developments in the Middle East."

Three held in Ness Ziona car bombing

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NESS ZIONA. — Three men were arrested here yesterday on suspicion of planting a car bomb which exploded earlier in the day, slightly injuring a woman and her two-year-old child.

Police said the slight injuries sustained were nothing short of miraculous, for the bomb demolished the car and was intended to kill the person who turned the ignition.

Riham Lezion police commander Danny Gimshi told *The Jerusalem Post* that the incident was probably part of a "settling of accounts" among criminals. The intended victim was the woman's husband, who is known to the police, it was learned.

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ad Sarah exhausts emergency supply
No funds for home oxygen equipment

MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Health Ministry stop-funding home oxygen equipment for chronic respiratory patients in mid-October, at least 30 Jerusalem residents have had to be hospitalized because they could not get the devices they needed in order to stay at home, said Uri Lupolianski, chairman of the Yad Sarah association for the lending of medical equipment.

The ministry, which is responsible for providing the oxygen tanks and meters to those who need them, told Yad Sarah in October it could supply no more equipment due to severe lack of funds, Lupolianski told *The Jerusalem Post* the weekend.

Ministry Director-General Ich Modan yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that the ministry had stopped its funding of the respiratory equipment because of a deficit of IS100 million. "We cannot afford it. We are now going for an answer from the state for solving our budgetary problems, but until we get some money, we will have to solve most urgent problems first," he said.

Overseas, ministry sources said its paying for medical equipment to be used at home is not mandated by law, but rather a "voluntary effort" that the ministry undertakes when "we have lots of money."

Yad Sarah and the Kupat M Cholim spokesman, however, issue with this assertion, saying that the provision of necessary equipment to disabled persons is the responsibility of the state, as spelled out in health regulations.

Lupolianski told *The Post* that as a result of pressure by Yad Sarah, the ministry yesterday had made available 10 oxygen tanks to the Jerusalem branch. "But this is like tossing out a handful of seeds to feed a whole flock of birds. After the ministry stopped paying for the tanks, Yad Sarah started supplying patients from our own emergency stores. But we have exhausted our emergency stores and now have to send people away empty-handed," he said.

Lupolianski estimates that 50 tanks are needed right now in the Jerusalem area alone, and said that the same problem is sorely taxing the resources of the 35 Yad Sarah branches throughout the country. "I know of at least 30 Jerusalemites who have had to go to hospital in the past month because we could not give them oxygen equipment to use at home," he said.

Lupolianski pointed out that one day's hospitalization costs IS7,500, while purchasing an oxygen tank with all the necessary meters, hoses and mask costs about IS22,000. "The tank lasts for a lifetime and only needs to be refilled with oxygen, which Kupat Holim takes care of. Three days in hospital could take care of buying one oxygen tank, which can be used over and over again," he said.

Aside from the oxygen tanks, the ministry has also stopped supplying funds for suction equipment, inhalators and other equipment vital to the well-being of heart-attack victims, asthma sufferers and other persons with respiratory problems.

The Post has also learned that dozens of disabled persons who are ready to be discharged from hospital have been forced to wait to go home because of a lack of walkers, wheelchairs and other equipment necessary for their functioning at home.

Until October, the arrangement in the Jerusalem area was that the ministry supplied the funds for the oxygen tanks and meters, while Kupat Holim Cholim and the other sick funds were responsible for the cost of the oxygen itself, which is considered a medication, Lupolianski said.

The Jerusalem Yad Sarah branch acted as the centralized distributor of oxygen equipment, supplying full tanks with masks to those in need and then billing the relevant bodies. This saved patients and their families from having to run around town to gather the necessary forms, he said.

Kupat Holim is still providing the funds for the oxygen, but there are simply no tanks to put it in, Lupolianski said.

Arrangements in other parts of the country vary, but in most areas the district health offices supplied the tanks, with Yad Sarah branches acting as a back-up service for those who needed oxygen during hours when the offices were closed or had run out of equipment, Lupolianski said. These branches are also starting to feel pressure from those who have been turned away empty-handed from the district health offices, he said.

"This is the beginning of the most difficult time of the year for respiratory patients. Winter is always the time of greatest demand for this sort of equipment. If something is not done, the situation will be catastrophic," Lupolianski said.

historical events on microfilm and microfiche

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Interdocumentation Co., a Swiss microfilming and offloading enterprise, and *The Jerusalem Post* have recently completed their latest project, a microfilm and microfiche edition of the history of the State of Israel and the Jewish people.

The microfilm is sold according to various periods in the history of the State of Israel and the Jewish people. The first six cover the war of independence, the Sinai campaign, Six-Day war, the war of attrition, the Yom Kippur war and the

1978 Israeli intervention in Lebanon. The seventh section is the day-to-day coverage of the Egyptian-Israeli peace negotiations and treaty signing, beginning on November 1, 1977 and ending March 31, 1979.

The IDC which daily microfilms the pages of *The Post* has also just published on microfiche and microfilm *Israel Government Publications, History of Christianity in the Holy Land, The Etzel Movement Archives 1936-1948, and Palestinian Newspapers in the Arabic Language*. The company has produced similar editions of Judaica from the National Library, including the *Palestine Weekly* (1920-1924), the *Palestine Bulletin* (1925-1931), the *Palestine Post* which incorporated the *Bulletin* (1932-1951) and *The Post* (1951 onwards).

It has also separately microfilmed a selection from *The Jerusalem Post Archives* entitled *Prominent People and Past Specialists, 1938-1972*.

The *Middle East at War* series is available from the IDC at a cost of Sfr. 2,510 (about \$1,300). Separate sections bear different prices.

An annual subscription to *The Jerusalem Post* on microfilm costs Sfr. 480 (about \$240). *The Jerusalem Post Archives*, headed by Alexander Zvieli, can provide further information on all services available. Telephone (020) 528181, Ext. 225.

gher grants for larging flats

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Housing Ministry has announced that it will increase loans enlarging flats in Project Eyal areas by 50 per cent, next month.

Owners of flats of up to 30 square metres in development areas will be able to get a loan of IS1,430,000, in other areas the loan will be IS1,600,000. For flats over 40 sq.m. development areas the amount will be IS1 million, and in other areas IS860,000.

Jerusalem, which has lagged behind other renewal areas in flat renewals, owners will get a loan Sfr. for flats of all sizes.

The government renewal coordinator, Deputy Housing Minister she Katzav, regards enlarging flats as one of the main avenues to raising the quality of life in renewal areas. Since the project in five years ago, 6,670 flats have been expanded, about 3,000 in during the past year.

PORTS CHAOS

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diverting ships to Eilat and Limassol — were only palliatives, saving perhaps 1 per cent of the exports. The only solution is to get the ports working again at full speed, he emphasized, and the government must see to it.

Today, the Ports Authority will again appeal to the Tel Aviv Labour court to declare the stevedores in violation of its order to return to normal work. It issued this order at the Authority's request a fortnight ago. The court may also be asked to fine their committees for contempt.

So far the stevedores have not felt the financial consequences of their strike. They are paid on the 15th of each month, and as they started the strike on November 27 they have lost only four days of premium pay in their last pay packet. Next month, however, their pay packet will be half its usual size.

If the Labour Court finds them in violation today, this will make it legally possible for the Authority to dock half their basic pay, in addition to the premium payments which they will not receive anyway.



President Chaim Herzog addresses the inaugural session of the public council of the Prisoners Rehabilitation Authority yesterday at Beit Hanassi. Seated next to Herzog is Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Ben Zion Rubin.

Group formed for prisoner rehabilitation

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Much of the rehabilitation work in prisons is wasted because most ex-convicts are left to their own devices once on the outside, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Aharon Uzan said yesterday.

Uzan was speaking at the inaugural session of the public council for the Prisoner Rehabilitation Authority at Beit Hanassi, under the auspices of President Chaim Herzog.

Herzog said that the idea of prison is to punish the offender and to protect society. No civilized society should use its prison system to exact revenge, he said. No matter how unfavourably the inmate regarded the prison, it must be the first stage in a process of correction and rehabilitation, said Herzog.

Uzan, whose ministry will supervise the new authority, said that 70 per cent of the 2,000 convicts released each year are back in prison within two years. He said that the authority, with its 13 staffers and four branches, will coordinate public agencies and volunteer groups to strive for better rehabilitation services.

The prison authorities will deal with rehabilitation work with prisoners on the inside, he said, while the authority will focus on problems of family, housing and vocational training for the prisoners after their release. He said that he has requested a IS20 million budget for the authority, which will start operating next April.

Avraham Hoffman, the former ministry spokesman, was named head of the authority at yesterday's council session. He has been working on plans for the authority for over a year.

Uzan said that while "the council's role will be to open the right doors to help ex-convicts, it is essential that members of the public open their hearts and show a more positive attitude to helping ex-convicts make a new start."

American tourist dies of wounds from bus bomb

Jerusalem Post Staff

The death toll from the December 6 bus bomb in Jerusalem rose to six yesterday, as Serena Sussman, 60 a tourist from the U.S., died of her wounds in Hadassah Hospital, Ein Karem.

Nine victims of the bombing are still hospitalized, six in Shaare Zedek Hospital and three in Hadassah. While one of the Shaare Zedek patients is still in the intensive-care unit, the condition of all nine is said by hospital spokesmen to be "improving."

Sussman, who was burned over most of her body and was admitted to hospital in critical condition, lived in South Carolina. She had come to Israel to visit relatives.

Wife contradicts witness in murder trial

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A witness at a murder trial here testified yesterday that her husband — the chief state's witness — said in his sleep that one of the accused men was innocent.

Amnon David, Herzl Avitan and Ya'acov Shemesh are being tried in district court for participating in the Keren Or jewelry plant robbery and the murder of Ramle prison warden Roni Nitzan.

Rachel Cohen said that she heard her husband, Moshe, say in his sleep, "Amnon isn't guilty."

The witness said that when she asked her husband later what his words meant, he told her, "Forget it."

Rachel Cohen was answering questions put to her by the defence. She was originally slated to testify for the prosecution, but the state decided not to call her.

During cross-examination, the witness was accused by prosecutor, Pnina Dvornik of making up the story to help David.

Rachel Cohen replied: "Who sleeps with him (Moshe Cohen) — you or me?"

Day-old infant found in suitcase in market

NAZARETH (Itim). — A one-day-old infant was found inside a suitcase next to a vegetable stand at the marketplace here on Saturday, after customers heard cries coming from behind one of the stalls.

The searchers found the abandoned suitcase and thought at first that it contained a bomb, but when they opened it, the baby was discovered, wrapped in rags.

A team of doctors at the Anglican Hospital in Nazareth worked several hours to save the baby's life. Police, who learned of the incident only yesterday, are looking for the baby's mother.

Learn about mushrooms before you pick them

Jerusalem Post Reporter

People who gather the wild mushrooms that have sprung up in fields and forests after the recent rains should acquaint themselves well with the characteristics that distinguish poisonous mushrooms from those fit for consumption, a Jewish National Fund spokesman warned yesterday.

Only 60 out of Israel's 350 species of mushrooms are edible, and the remainder, despite their sometimes attractive colours and aromas, are poisonous, he said. Cooking will not reduce the harmful effects of a poisonous mushroom, and even edible wild mushrooms must be cooked before eating, he said.

Refusednik arrives after 12-year wait

Jerusalem Post Staff

Long-term Soviet refusednik Dr. Eitan Finkelstein arrived in Israel on Sunday night to an emotional welcome from former comrades.

Finkelstein, 38, who first applied to leave the Soviet Union in 1971, was accompanied by his wife Alexandra and his nine-year-old daughter Miriam.

Finkelstein, a physicist, said that he was too moved to speak Hebrew. "Give me a day or two and then I'll talk to you in Hebrew," he promised.

But he did answer questions in Russian. He attributed his being permitted to leave to the fact that this time he had applied between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. "Maybe it helped," he quipped.

Among those meeting Finkelstein was Avital Shecharansky, who said the physicist had brought news of her husband Anatoly. She said she would disclose what Finkelstein told her at tomorrow's news conference on Russian Jewry, at Beit Agron, Jerusalem.

Graduates of leadership course make good

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Seven graduates of Haifa University's special courses for the advancement of political leadership in development towns in the North were elected mayors of their localities in the recent elections.

Another three graduates made the deputy mayor slot and four others were elected councillors, the university's spokeswoman announced yesterday.

The courses, aimed at fostering well-educated local leaderships, are run by the university's unit for bridging the cultural and social gap. The programme is run under the auspices of the Department for Sephardi Communities of the Jewish Agency.

2nd demolition order at Old City yeshiva

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new demolition order was passed on the walls of the Birkat Avraham Yeshiva yesterday in the Moslem Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

A previous demolition order against an illegally-built room on top of the yeshiva was ruled invalid for technical reasons by the Jerusalem District Court on Sunday.

The *Jerusalem Post* has learned that there are apparently arguments inside the yeshiva about the "uncooperative" line taken with municipal authorities. Some students in the yeshiva apparently feel they erred in creating an image as rowdies who start brawls with their Arab neighbours.

Diseased cattle destroyed

SAFAD (Itim). — Dozens of cattle have been destroyed by the Green Patrol and the veterinary services recently in the Arab village of Akbara near here. The authorities said they suspected the animals were diseased.

The cattle owners said they plan to sue the authorities for destroying the animals without justification.

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Nakasone may stay on despite election defeat

TOKYO (AP) — Conceding a stunning election setback for his party but not for his own political future, Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone yesterday pledged to continue governmental reform efforts and to maintain Japan's "voice, role and responsibility" in international affairs.

Despite the loss, the LDP is considered certain to keep its grip on power by the same method it employed after 1976 and 1979 election losses, inviting 11 winning independent lawmakers with conservative views to join its ranks. If nine agree, as party leaders predicted they would, it would give the LDP 259 seats, three more than required for control of key Diet (Parliament) committees.

Nakasone appeared at a news conference just hours after a national election in which his long-ruling Liberal Democratic Party, stung by opposition charges of political corruption, suffered the loss of its majority in the lower house.

Many analysts said it is clear that voters reacted to the recent conviction of former prime minister and LDP king-maker Kakuei Tanaka for accepting bribes in the Lockheed payoffs scandal of the early 1970s.

Tanaka's subsequent refusal to resign his Diet seat triggered an opposition rebellion that eventually forced Nakasone to dissolve the lower house and call the election six months ahead of schedule.

While Tanaka coasted to his biggest victory in 15 tries in his home district, final tabulations showed the LDP — which has ruled Japanese politics for 28 years — lost 35 of the 285 seats it had previously held. That left it with only 250 — six fewer than needed for absolute control in the 511-seat chamber.

The result far exceeded the most pessimistic LDP forecasts and raised immediate doubt as to whether Nakasone would be able to resist pressure from within the fractious party to quit the post he has held for 13 months.

Most pre-election analyses agreed that Nakasone needed at least 27 seats, enough for LDP chairmanships on all lower house committees, to cement his position in the party.

The final count showed the main opposition Japan Socialist Party gaining 11 seats to 112, and the centrist Komato (Clean Government) Party going from 34 to 58 seats. Among smaller opposition groups, the Japan Communist Party dropped from 29 to 26 seats.



Former Japanese prime minister Kakuei Tanaka warms up at his home before going out to vote in the general election on Sunday. Tanaka, who was convicted in Japan's biggest postwar bribery scandal and sentenced to four years imprisonment and a \$2m. fine, won re-election. (UPI telephoto)

Post-blast Kuwait imposes travel ban on foreigners

KUWAIT (AP) — Security authorities yesterday imposed strict travel restrictions on non-Kuwaitis, while preparations were under way to put on trial 10 suspects involved in last week's bombing of the U.S. and French Embassies and other targets across the state.

Interior Ministry officials said that no visas or visit permits will be issued to individuals or families of Arab and non-Arab countries.

The allusion to families meant kin of expatriate workers living here. The same officials said the travel ban would remain in effect for an indefinite duration, but informed sources speculated that it would be lifted when the trial is over.

"High-ranking individuals and other persons known to local authorities will be exempted from the travel restrictions," said one official.

He said that the trial will be "quick... it won't last long," confirming that the prosecutor-general is to demand the death penalty for all defendants.

In all, 12 persons were involved in the blasts, which claimed four lives and left 61 injured. One of the 12, said to be the driver of the dump truck that blasted the U.S. Embassy, was reported killed. Another alleged saboteur is at large, and a dragnet is out for him, the official said. (Interest rates — page 7)

Severed ear 'almost surely' that of jewelry firm heir

ROME (AP) — Three forensic experts said yesterday that a severed ear sent by kidnappers "almost certainly" belongs to a 16-year-old Bulgarian jewelry store heir, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

The three-man team from the Institute of Legal Medicine, headed by Dr. Angelini Rota, said in a statement that the ear found in a trash can on Sunday night "almost certainly" was cut from Giorgio Calissani with a scalpel or a razor, ANSA said.

The team added that the ear was cut off in a "rough manner" the

news agency said. The kidnappers of Giorgio and his mother, Anna Bulgari Calissani, left the ear, a photo of the two kidnap victims and two letters in trash cans in central Rome over the weekend.

The ear was discovered on Sunday morning after an anonymous caller gave the family directions. Interior Minister Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, in charge of Italy's police forces, held an all-night meeting with top police and government officials to discuss the case, sources said.

Mondale adds to lead over Glenn, poll says

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Walter Mondale has significantly boosted his lead in the race for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination to 16 per cent over John Glenn, according to a poll published yesterday by Time magazine.

The telephone poll of 1,000 registered voters, conducted early this month by Yankelovich, Skelly

and White, Inc., showed Mondale leading the Ohio senator by 34 per cent to 18 per cent among Democrats and independent voters.

Among Democrats alone, the former vice-president held a lead of 39 per cent to 16 per cent for Glenn.

In September, Mondale held a narrow 28 per cent to 26 per cent edge over Glenn, the magazine said.

'Business as usual' at Harrods after blast

LONDON (Reuters) — Discreet and dignified defiance was the tone for business as usual at Harrods department store yesterday following Saturday's car bomb attack that killed five people.

A salesgirl told Reuters: "Frightened? What a silly question."

As workmen brushed up carpets of silvered glass behind high plastic awnings in the street, Harrods hummed as usual with discreet browsing of well-heeled shoppers and an air of cool defiance.

The store seemed to take the Irish terrorist car bomb blast in neighbouring Hans Crescent very nearly in its stride, and so did the shoppers, some of whom were queuing when the store opened.

"Harrods is the safest place in London today — lightning doesn't strike twice," said Ann Edwards, es-

corting her two children for Christmas shopping. Parisian Eric Lapin said: "Nobody's going to stop me buying my Christmas pudding."

The domed, beflagged department store on London's Knightsbridge shopping street, which prides itself on being Queen Elizabeth's "corner shop," flew the Union Jack defiantly at full mast.

Harrods, called "the top people's store," has always known its image as the store of Britain's ruling establishment made it a prime symbolic target for Irish terrorists.

But the scars of the bomb blast were still clearly visible. Not a single window had a pane of glass on the upper floors along the side street where the car bomb exploded.

Parts of the street remained cordoned off as police forensic scientists examined the wreckage of the

Angola says many die in S. African bombing raid

LISBON (AP) — The Angolan Defence Ministry said yesterday that South African aircraft killed "dozens of civilians" and destroyed a hospital and a school in an eight-hour bombing raid Sunday against an Angolan town.

In a statement carried by the official Angolan news agency Angop and monitored here, the ministry said South African Mirage and Buccaneer aircraft began bombing the town of Caluando in the southern province of Kuando-Kubango 150 kilometres north of the South African border on Sunday morning.

The Defence Ministry said South African Mirage aircraft attacked Angolan military positions near the town of Mulundo in the southern province of Huila Saturday, "killing several people" and destroying military equipment.

The statement repeated earlier charges that South African armed forces regularly launch attacks up to 300 kilometres inside Angolan territory.

Greek Cypriots accuse Turks of killing soldier

NICOSIA (AP) — The Cypriot government spokesman yesterday accused the Turkish side of shooting dead a Greek Cypriot soldier "in cold blood" the previous day.

Spokesman Andreas Christofides said at his daily press briefing that President Spyros Kyprianou will be sending "a protest" to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

He was referring to an incident Sunday when Tryfon Tryfonos, 18, a Greek Cypriot conscript on guard duty along the "green line" in Nicosia, was fatally wounded by a shot.

A statement by the UN Peace Force in Cyprus issued yesterday said it is investigating the incident. "Both sides are cooperating with UNFICYP in the investigation and in keeping the situation calm," the statement added.

The UN force patrols the line that divides the government-controlled south from the Turkish-occupied northern part of the island.

'Newsweek: Andropov has only 18 months

NEW YORK (AP) — Soviet President Yuri Andropov, 69, is suffering from a degenerative kidney ailment and, according to information provided by an unnamed Soviet medical source, has a life expectancy of from 18 months to two years, Newsweek magazine reported on Sunday.

The Soviet leader, whose absences from public functions in recent months have prompted speculation about the state of his health, has been undergoing kidney treatment at a special sanatorium for members of the Communist Party Central Committee on the outskirts of Moscow, the magazine reported.

EEC ministers haggle at final session of bad year

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — European Community foreign ministers opened their last session in a year marked by financial troubles with a budget row at the centre of yesterday's discussions.

Diplomats said the ministers were due to discuss control of the group's dwindling cash resources after a budget vote last week in the European Parliament went counter to the wishes of the 10 governments.

The assembly's most controversial decision was to freeze a \$640 million budget rebate to Britain as an expression of dismay at the collapse of efforts to reform the community at the Athens summit earlier this month.

Britain protested that the action was discriminatory and is

demanding that the cash be paid by the end of March.

Diplomats said the 10 governments were divided over reaction to the assembly vote though they all believe it had exceeded its powers.

The ministers were also due to discuss the status of Greenland, a Danish territory that has opted out of the Common Market.

Diplomats said Denmark was pressing for agreement at yesterday's session to contain a rising tide of resentment on the strategic island coast after more than two years of negotiations.

They said accord may be held up by West Germany which has important fishing interests in Greenland waters and was demanding a larger catch than appears acceptable to the Danes.

Sports

Rams bull through at last gasp

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Sanford's field goal with just two seconds left gave the Los Angeles Rams a 26-24 victory over the New Orleans Saints to hoist the Rams into the National Football League playoffs and destroy the Saints' hopes of postseason action.

The Seattle Seahawks in their eighth year in the league, clinched a spot by beating the New England Patriots 24-6.

The conclusion of the Rams victory and Chicago's 13-2 win over the Green Bay Packers on Rob Thomas' last-minute field goal closed out the National conference playoff lineup, giving both the San Francisco 49ers and the Detroit Lions berths along with the Rams, the Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins.

Later topped Tampa Bay 23-20, to take the NC Central title outright.

Seattle gained the last remaining spot in the AFC to join the Pittsburgh Steelers, Miami Dolphins, Los Angeles Raiders and Denver Broncos.

Y-clinched division title: X-clinched playoff spot Sunday's games: Kansas City 48, Denver 17; Chicago 23, Green Bay 21; L. Rams 26, New Orleans 24; San Diego 31, Philadelphia 7; Cleveland 30, Pittsburgh 17; Atlanta 31, Buffalo 14; Baltimore 20, Houston 10; L. Raiders 30, San Diego 14; Seattle 24, New England 6; Detroit 23, Tampa Bay 20.

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV — It will be "mother's day" tomorrow at the seventh annual Sea of Galilee International Marathon, with leading chaperones Zehava Shmueli and Ann Kirkham each having two children and Rosa Saydon, three.

English athlete Kirkham's four and seven-year-old daughters will be looked after at Ein Gev while she and her husband Colin Kirkham — winner of the 1981 Kinneret run — participate in the punishing 42.195-km race from the Kibbutz to

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Another Swede wins
SYDNEY (Reuters) — Joakim Nyström yesterday won the New South Wales Open Tennis Championship here yesterday to bring Sweden their second major Australian title in eight days and to boost their spirits for their Davis Cup final against the Australians next week.

Jimmy Connors and Ivan Lendl set themselves up for another battle when they won through to the final of the \$30,000 Nile Nastase invitation tournament match in Florida.

Lendl bested Jimmy Arias 6-3, 6-4 while Connors came through 6-3, 6-2 over Jose Luis Clerc.

Also, in Miami Beach, Israel's junior team represented by Amos Mansdorf and Gil Bloom went out in the quarter finals of the Sunshine Cup, the under-18 world championship. They were convincingly defeated by

W	L	Pts	F	A
1 Miami	12	4	200	274
2 New England	12	4	200	274
3 Buffalo	8	8	200	283
4 Baltimore	7	9	200	283
5 N.Y. Jets	7	9	200	283

CENTRAL	W	L	Pts	F	A
1 Pittsburgh	10	2	20	355	303
2 Cleveland	9	3	18	356	342
3 Cincinnati	9	3	18	356	342
4 Houston	2	14	125	288	468

WEST	W	L	Pts	F	A
1 L.A. Raiders	12	2	24	359	342
2 Denver	12	2	24	359	342
3 N. Denver	9	5	18	302	327
4 San Diego	6	10	12	375	358
5 Kansas City	8	8	16	375	358

N.EAST	W	L	Pts	F	A
1 Washington	14	2	28	375	358
2 Dallas	12	2	24	375	358
3 San Francisco	12	2	24	375	358
4 Philadelphia	11	3	22	375	358
5 N.Y. Giants	3	12	6	287	347

CENTRAL	W	L	Pts	F	A
1 Detroit	10	2	20	347	296
2 Green Bay	8	4	16	309	429
3 Chicago	8	4	16	309	429
4 Cleveland	8	4	16	309	429
5 Tampa Bay	2	14	125	241	380

WEST	W	L	Pts	F	A
1 San Fran.	9	5	18	309	376
2 L.A. Rams	8	6	16	309	376
3 New Orleans	8	6	16	309	376
4 Atlanta	7	7	14	310	377
5 Oakland	7	7	14	310	377

Mums run for glory in Galilee

Tiberias and then back to Ein Gev. A top-class sprinter in her early days, Ann, 35, turned to road racing after the birth of her children. In five marathons to date, her best effort was 2:59 last year.

While Tel Aviv's Shmueli, 28, has been training marathons since 1977, for Saydon, 32, tomorrow will mark only her second track at the distance since making up competitive athletics with great success two years ago.

Favourite among the expected 35 women starters is France's Chantal Laigle, 28, a veteran of 50 marathons with a best time of 2:35.15. The current Galilee race record for women is 2:46.15.

Lakers thrive on unlikely sub

NEW YORK (AP) — In Calvin Garrett, the Los Angeles Lakers have found an unlikely solution to the void created by the loss of Earvin "Magic" Johnson.

The Lakers split their first six games after Johnson was sidelined with a dislocated finger and fell into second place behind the Portland Trail Blazers in the Pacific Division of the National Basketball Association.

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ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.15 Citizenship 8.40 English 6 9.00 Arithmetic 9.25 Math 9.40 Summum Street 10.10 English 5 10.30 English 7 10.50 Science 7-11.20 English 8 11.40 Geography 7-12.05 English 9 12.30 Music 13.00 English 10 13.30 Music 15.00 Everyman's University: Our Early Years: 20th Century Democracies and Dictatorships: Viewpoint: 16.00 Touch 16.30 Prexy Butterfly 17.00 A New Evening — live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 4, 4, 4
17.50 Faster, Higher, Stronger — sports ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 The Naughty Doll
18.45 What's the Answer?
19.00 Documentary on Toronto
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Play It Again — TV game introduced by Dudu Topaz
20.30 Kolbotek
21.00 Mahat Newsweek
21.30 Second Look
21.10 The Winds of War, Part 12 of an 18-part serial based on the bestseller by Herman Wouk about the Second World War
23.00 El Greco of Toledo — documentary about the artist
23.30 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
19.40 Cartoons: 18.00 French Hour 18.30 (JTV) 3 Science film 18.45 Target 19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 19.45 Magazine Zero One 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Hi-De-Hi 21.10 The Secret Army 22.15 Magnum

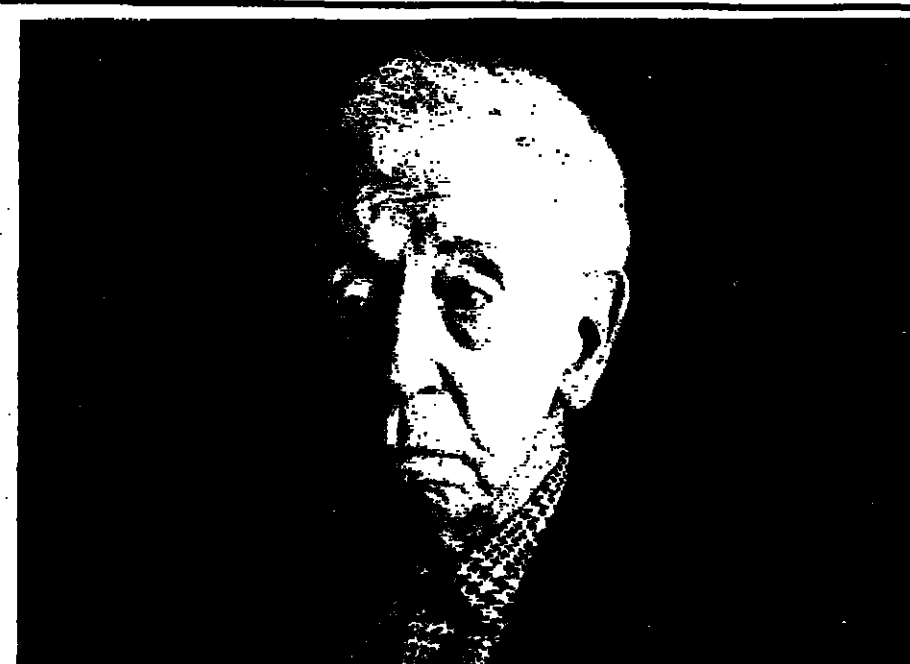
ON THE AIR

Voice of Music
6.02 Musical Clock
7.07 Old English Dances for Recorders, Oboe and Harpsichord; Albino: Concerto for String Orchestra (Solisti Veneti); William Babel: Recorder Concerto; Mozart: Requiem and Aria, K.486a (Elly Ameling); Schubert: Trout Quintet (Eschbach); Cherubini: Symphonies; Schumann: Cello Concerto (Rostropovich); Dvorak: Symphony No. 9 (New York, Bernstein); C.P.E. Bach: Rondino; Fauré: Ballad; Copland: Billy, the Kid; Martin: Piano Sonata; Serenade for Strings; Tartin: Violin Concerto (Accardo)
12.00 Recital (no details available)
13.05 Menahem Avdon: The Farewell (Miriam Laron, Rona Samsonov, Willy Haparnas, Jerusalem Symphony, Mend Rodan); Prokofiev: Romeo and Juliet, excerpts (Lorin Maazel)
14.00 The History of Music
15.30 Youth Programme: Brahms: Violin Concerto (Nathan Milstein); Mahler: Symphony No. 3
23.00 Something for Everybody

6.02 Gymnastics
6.30 Editorial Review
6.53 Green Light — drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning — news magazine
8.05 First Thing — with Ehud Manor
12.00 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine
12.05 Open Line — news and music
13.00 Midday — news commentary, music
14.10 Matters of Interest — with Gabi Gazi
16.10 Safe Journey
17.10 Economics Magazine
17.25 Of Men and Figures — economics magazine
18.05 Health and Medicine Magazine
18.45 Today in Sport
19.00 Today — radio newsweek
19.30 New World — environment magazine
20.05 Cultural requests
21.05 Jazz Corner
23.05 Good Evening from Jerusalem

9.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
10.05 Encounter — live family magazine
11.10 Elementary School Broadcasts
11.30 Education for all
12.05 Sephardi songs
13.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.05 Children's programmes
15.25 Education for all
15.55 Notes on a New Book
16.05 A Political Book
17.12 Jewish Ideas
17.30 Everyman's University
18.05 Afternoon Classics
18.47 Bible Reading — Chronicles II, 32:21-32
19.05 Talmud Lesson
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.05 Topical discussion — introduced by Shmuel Almog
23.05 Two by Two

6.06 Morning Sounds
6.30 University on the Air
7.07 "777" — with Alex Aaski
8.05 Morning Newsweek
9.05 Right Now — with Rafi Rashet
11.05 Israeli Winter — with Eli Yarneti
13.05 Two Hours
15.05 What's Wrong? — with Erez Tal
16.05 Four in the Afternoon
17.05 Evening Newsweek
18.05 Industrial Forecast
19.05 Music Today —



REMEMBERING RUBINSTEIN

By YOHANAN BOEHM / Post Music Editor

EAR ago tomorrow Arthur Rubinstein surprised us by showing that he mortal after all, dying shortly re his 96th birthday. His life one of staggering artistic event, and he was known oughout the world. Thanks to nology, we can still enjoy his o performances, a rich inance — all the Chopin, much hms, Liszt, Schumann, thoven, and other music, red again and again. Most every day Kol Yisrael dcasts some Rubinstein record, spring the Fourth International o Master Competition named him was held in Tel Aviv and

attracted exciting young talents. The next competition, in 1986, will coincide with the hundredth anniversary of his birth. To keep alive the memory of the master is the task the Arthur Rubinstein International Music Society has taken upon itself. In addition to the piano competition, the society intends to organize summer courses and master classes, to hold seminars and symposia, to grant scholarships and collect documents pertaining to his life, art and work, so that a central archive may eventually be established. A world-wide series of concerts performed by prominent pianists — "Homage à

Rubinstein" — has already been initiated. During the fourth competition, Maurizio Pollini flew in for a few hours to give a recital as a tribute to his veteran colleague and friend.

Earlier this month another memorial concert was held, this time at New York's Carnegie Hall, where Lennie Bernstein conducted the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, and Jeffrey Kahane, the winner of the fourth master competition, was the soloist.

A similarly outstanding event

took place in Paris on December 18, with Zubin Mehta conducting the *Orchestre de Paris* and Daniel Barenboim as the soloist.

Tomorrow, a more modest tribute will be paid at a memorial concert at the Jerusalem Theatre at 5 p.m., when the Tel Aviv Quartet will play the Schumann Piano Quintet (with Prina Saltzman) and the Schubert String Quintet in C (with Marcel Bergman as the additional cellist). The concert will be held under the auspices of the Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek,

and in the presence of President Chaim Herzog. A memorial ceremony attended by members of the family will be held in the Arthur Rubinstein Forest before the concert begins.

The driving spirit behind these activities is Ja'acov Bistrizki. The original request of the maestro was that any activity connected with his name should not be financed out of public (i.e. government) funds, and for this purpose he authorized the use of three drawings Picasso made of him for the minting of 1,000 gold

medallions. The Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation somehow got out of this gentleman's agreement and subsequently minted additional medals for sale on the free market. The matter has not been settled yet, and high government officials have promised their intervention to achieve an agreement that would fulfil the master's expectations and guarantee sufficient funds for the society to pursue its goals.

Pollini's recital and the box office takings during the last competition were sufficient to cover expenses and even to pay other debts. No government money was involved in

underwriting any of these activities; Bistrizki, who wants things to continue this way, hopes that the affair with the corporation will soon be satisfactorily settled.

Further plans include the holding of triennial competitions for violin (named after Bronislaw Huberman) and for conductors (named after Arturo Toscanini), so that one master competition will be held each year, all linked with the memory of Arthur Rubinstein.

Rubinstein always had a special love for Jerusalem, and it is only fitting that Jerusalem should commemorate the anniversaries of this celebrated musician's life.

AD DE ROTHSCHILD, Lord of Mishcon, Soviet Jewry ac-June Jacobs and a few dozen ds from 20 countries came to er at Rosh Ha'ayin the other They weren't just passing gh; the Yemenite town isn't on nain road to anywhere. ie visitors were members of the e national Council of Beth futeoth, the Diaspora Museum el Aviv. They had gathered for econd annual meeting to dis- e educational needs of their e communities, their relationship e museum, and the museum's eial future. icy took a break from their tute of conference-room dis- on and hotel dinners, and, with Israeli escorts, ventured out bus in the twilight. Even most e Israelis on board had never o Rosh Ha'ayin before. e visit was planned to coincide e opening of a travelling ex- ion assembled by the museum:

photographs of the Jews of San'a taken by Hermann Burchardt and Carl Rathjens between 1901 and 1938.

So World Jewry met Rosh Ha'ayin for dinner, for a brief look at the exhibit, and an artistic programme. It's hard to say there was much direct communication aside from smiles. But the speeches, almost as numerous as the repertoire of Yemenite breads, were translated by Ella Bar-Ilan, of the museum staff; the two populations laughed in shifts.

Dinner was in Beit Na'amat, where the women of Rosh Ha'ayin had spent the whole day cooking, baking and setting up. As the guests arrived, they scurried around, getting additional plates and replenishing salads, or leaned against the wall in tired satisfaction at the sight of so many mouths being filled.

Some of the Western guests made doubtful noises about the weight of

Yemenite encounters

By MARSHA POMERANTZ / Jerusalem Post Reporter

the semi-sweet and oily breads, but demolished them — at first with fork and knife, then with hands — efficiently enough to advance to the *sufganiot* and tea.

PERHAPS the most significant speech was one by Yigal Yosef, the newly elected head of the Rosh Ha'ayin local council. His remarks were probably directed more to his own community than to the visitors.

He reminded everyone that the town had been settled by the magic-carpet immigrants of 1949, and that their children had gone astray, losing contact with their traditions and imitating Western ways. Now they

were interested again in their own sources, and, he believed, would manage to "preserve tradition alongside technology."

He himself embodied the changing of the guard: young, mild-mannered but self-assured, articulate, well-dressed and wearing a knitted kipa.

Yosef was delighted to have the San'a exhibit in Rosh Ha'ayin, and determined that it would stay there, where it belonged. Everyone else was, of course, invited to visit.

But some of the speakers begged to differ. When the meeting adjourned to the Labour Council Hall, Beth Hatefutsoth director

Yeshayahu Weinberg reminded everyone that Rosh Ha'ayin was one stop on the exhibit's tour. It was important for the rest of the country to know the heritage of San'a and for Rosh Ha'ayin to get exhibits on the Jews of Libya and Poland, for instance. None of the local residents looked too enthusiastic at the prospect.

THE EXHIBIT offers a striking view of the Jews of Yemen as craftsmen, teachers and students, merchants. The residents of Rosh Ha'ayin were struck by something more specific: they could name some of the people and the

neighbourhoods in the photos. The guests, seated in the front half of the auditorium, and the local residents, seated in the back half, heard Dr. Avner Bahat, the musicologist of Beth Hatefutsoth, present the programme of music and dance, most of it performed by groups from Kiryat Ono. Among the participants were three little boys with paste-on *payot*, students of Menahem Arussi. With their teacher they also put on a little tableau of studies in the traditional Yemenite *heder*: the teacher coaxing the first lines of Genesis out of his students with a small whip and frequent pulls of the ear.

Bahat stressed that the singing and dances had been taken out of context, which, of course, "should never be done" — but there was no other way to see them. In fact, they didn't seem all that far from their context; they elicited ululations, clapping and comments from the back of the hall, occupied mostly by

women in kerchiefs. And there was the usual chit-chat between acts, or when speeches got too long. A young girl with olive skin and mysteriously blonde hair asked me to look over Yigal Yosef and tell her what I thought. "He's my cousin," she gloated.

"It's not for nothing that Yemenites have big ears," someone joked after the *heder* scene on stage.

Mixed with the amusement was some dissatisfaction: "Why did they bring in performers from Kiryat Ono when there's so much talent in Rosh Ha'ayin?"

Whatever the complaints, the evening proved a break in what labour council secretary (Naftali Sa'adi) described as Rosh Ha'ayin's pattern of "keeping to itself."

So Rosh Ha'ayin was put on the map, but I'm not so sure about the museum. Filing out of the Labour Council Hall, one local girl turned to her friend: "Where's Beth Hatefutsoth, anyway?" she asked.

ISRAEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA — Markis conducting, with Emanuel waks, piano (Tel Aviv, Museum, Dec 11). Corelli Concerto Grosso in F, Opus 6, No. 2; Faure: Ballade for piano cello; Paganini: Concerto for Piano and cello; Tchaikovsky: Serenade for Strings; 1: Symphony No. 33 in B flat Major.

SKOWSKY'S choice of Faure's *Idylle* and Piston's *Concerto* as works with orchestra seems to make a dilemma. On the one hand, it is more than desirable to have an endless replaying of all the epics. On the other hand, the *Idylle* of the less known, "discovered" or rarely performed *Idylle* have little substance.

ie Faure work, composed in 1882, reveals some complex, almost esoteric harmonies, but has little to say besides. A promistart loses itself completely. ton's *Concerto* (1937), written in a dry neo-classical style ncent of Stravinsky, says even it contains a surplus of notes *obstinately indulges in pointless* *ostentatious*.

faults whatsoever could be d in Krasowsky's perfor- e: he demonstrated a nicely ylated melodic line played in y cantabile in the Faure and a rful technique, both chordal n runs, in the Piston. However, ould not ignore the feeling that olist was far from exploiting entential, and that he really ed much better music.

ie concert introduced a new- r to our concert stage: conduc- Lev Markis. Regrettably, is prolonged this concert by less adding the Tchaikovsky, tade. Having had to leave e the Mozart symphony — the really testable piece on the amme — I felt I should refrain paying Markis any compli- s. (The Corelli did not show particularly interesting res).

However, the complete absence sentimentality in the

Tchaikovsky serenade was appreciated and the accompaniments of the two solo compositions were also well done. But none of this seems enough to formulate a more substantial opinion about this conductor. Markis should be given another opportunity to show his mettle.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — Herbert Beissel (Germany) conducting, with Malcolm Messiter, oboe (Haifa, Auditorium, December 11). Weber: "Abu Hassan" Overture; Vaughan Williams: Concerto for Oboe and String Orchestra; Paganini: Concerto for Oboe and Orchestra "La Favorita"; Schumann: Symphony No. 3 in E flat Major ("Rhenish").

IT WAS THE appearance of the Malcolm Messiter that made this special concert of the HSO really special. His playing is a combination of phenomenal technical adroitness with musicality and involvement.

The performance of the Vaughan Williams oboe concerto was most enjoyable, matching the full flavour of the music.

Messiter brought some seldom heard oboe music to the concert platform: "La Favorita," a short concerto by the Italian composer and oboe virtuoso Antonio Pasquelli (1842-1924). This technically and stylistically demanding piece enabled the soloist to display the full acrobatic range of his abilities.

There were long passages, fast and technically demanding, necessitating breathing through the nose while continuing to play the instrument, using the small amount of air stored in the cheeks. The fast variations and cadenzas of the work require the oboe to play both theme and accompaniment at the same time. Although Messiter played only one note at a time, his incredible speed created the illusion of simultaneity. As an encore, he repeated the last cadenzas of the work — winning a well-deserved ovation from the audience.

Conductor Herbert Beissel and

Programme dilemma

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the orchestra provided a careful and efficient accompaniment.

The final "Rhenish" was appropriate in style, but not always musically absorbing.

ESTHER REUTER

ISRAEL SINFONETTA, Beersheba — Nissim Bechar, conductor; Marcel Bregman, cello; Sarah Fuxon, piano; and Eliahu Shulman, violin (Beersheba Conservatory, December 14). Tchaikovsky: Variations on a Russian Theme for cello, op. 33; Schumann: Introduction and Allegro in G, op. 92, for piano and orchestra. Bruch: Violin Concerto No. 1 in G, op. 26.

IT WAS A daunting prospect to travel to Beersheba to hear three second-rate works conducted by a novice conductor with three soloists who are not famous names. But the uniform excellence of the soloists made the trip well worthwhile.

Tchaikovsky's dreary *Variations*, in reality a mini-cello-concerto, always seems far longer than its 17 minutes. Even a Rostropovich could not make the work interesting. Yet Marcel Bregman's intense, dedicated performance made the work sound better than it is. Despite a plodding accompaniment, Bregman held the audience's attention throughout, and fully earned its admiration.

The Schumann *Introduction and Allegro*, another mini-concerto, is one of the composer's less interesting works. Sarah Fuxon made the most of the few opportunities for virtuoso display, though she, too, was handicapped by pedestrian accompaniment. Fuxon's romantic temperament was perfect for Schumann, though it occasionally seemed to put her at odds with the conductor.

THE HIGHLIGHT of the evening was Eliahu Shulman's performance of the Bruch *First Violin Concerto*. Though this concerto is often per-

formed and recorded, it lacks consistent inspiration to rank with the very greatest concerti. In Shulman's mesmerizing performance, perfectly judged, it seemed the equal of Brahms and Beethoven. Seldom has this work's undeniable beauty glowed so brightly, incandescent with Shulman's rich tone. The accompaniment was suitably discreet, yet one can hardly recall it, so transfixed were the listeners by Shulman's playing. We can only hope that this violinist's mastery will soon be put to the service of more important works.

It is difficult to form an opinion of the talents of the young, American-trained conductor Nissim Bechar. The Sinfonietta is to be commended for giving Bechar the opportunity to conduct, but the artist would have

been better served had he been allowed to conduct one or two solely orchestral works.

MOSHE SAPERSTEIN

IN MEMORIAM: FRANK PELLEG — Arish Vardi presents personal recollections and plays music by Bach, Beethoven, and Debussy (YMCA Auditorium, Jerusalem, December 15).

FRANK PELLEG was a most outstanding musician and a brilliant pianist. The 15th anniversary of his death was marked in a modest programme presented by Arish Vardi, who had studied with Pelleg and had always admired his many talents and sparkling personality. Vardi linked his presentations at the piano with personal recollections of Pelleg's role as teacher, accompanist, composer. (He was also a brilliant lecturer on musical subjects).

Pelleg's deep love for J.S. Bach was recalled in some pieces from the *Little Preludes* and the *Book of*

Anna Magdalena Bach, as well as from the *Goldberg Variations* — Pelleg's piece of resistance. His 1965 recording of two Variations was broadcast from the studio.

Vardi's links were clever indeed and the evening included the premiere of Zvi Avni's *On the Verge of Time*, composed mainly of chords in dynamic shades, intertwined with short recitative-like single-voiced motifs, leading again to clusters. Avni can always be counted on to write professionally and sincerely.

Debussy's *Children's Corner* closed the programme, which demonstrated Vardi's pianistic and musical versatility at its best.

SOLARE String Quartet — Vair Klem, Yitzhak Goren, violins; Gad Levertoff, viola; Uri Vardi, cello (Israel Museum, December 10). All Beethoven: Quartet, opus 18, No. 4; Quartet opus 95; Quartet, opus 59, No. 1.

STRING QUARTETS usually call themselves after composers, place names or musical periods. This ensemble's name is a combination of the three strings common to all their instruments — "sol-la-re" in

Italian, "G-A-D" in other languages. It is good to have a new string quartet appearing on our stages, particularly when the two existing ones have been rather quiet lately. After three years of rehearsing, the Solare Quartet chose Jerusalem for its first appearance. It could not have chosen a better venue or more suitable programme.

Its leader is an outstanding teacher, two other members also belong to the Israel Chamber Orchestra and the fourth to the Israel Philharmonic. They have already achieved a remarkable blend of voices and singleness of purpose, which augurs well. They played three Beethoven quartets reflecting different periods in the composer's life, and their presentations were all thoroughly and carefully worked out without losing smooth continuity. Sometimes one wanted a bit more warmth of tone or more outgoing temperament, but this may come with time when the group gains confidence and the sureness in teamwork that marks outstanding chamber music groups.

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Money Matters

Interest worries sink shares again

AVIV — The share market continued to sink rather sharply for a second consecutive session today. The 1.89 per cent drop in the General Share Index, commercial banks excepted, did not fully reflect the market's poor performance. Altogether 118 securities were down by margins from five up to 1.89 per cent. Only 24 issues went to come through with marginal gains. Industrials and insurance company issues had the most of it, as their sectors were down by more than 2.5 per cent. Bank shares part of the agreement with the Treasury continued to fall. Leading the way the Union Bank shares, which fell 7.1 per cent. Discount Bank shares were five per cent lower, others in the group were down from 1.42 to 2.7 per cent. A recent drop in the price of bank shares in addition to the continuing devaluation of the sheqel leaves the bank shares a yield of more than 18 per cent in addition to the linkage to the dollar.

Those who were looking for a ray of consolation, following yesterday's session, it could be in the falling turnover, which stood just over \$583 million. The market was also more fluid, as a number of "sellers only" situations were considerably, to only 12. Yesterday's session was going "credit crunch." Correlations will be charged higher in overdrafts after January 1, and are apparently preparing by unloading share holdings may conceivably go even in the period ahead. In

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

dividual investors, on this other hand, seem to concentrate on flooding their bank shares. The trend is very much in evidence, though there is little financial justification for the sale of these shares at current levels. Moreover, the public is slowly becoming aware that maintaining overdrafts over an extended period will become a very expensive affair. This may well be a reason for the public's participation in the recent sell-off. Financial analysts who had hoped that a traditional end-of-the-year rally would materialize, now concede that this is becoming more and more unlikely. Bank shares which are not part of the agreement were also lower. Maritime Bank 0.1 shares were 7.1 per cent lower, while FIBI was down by 5.1 per cent. Binyan Mortgage was "buyers only," while others in the mortgage bank group were mostly lower. Tefahot pref. lost seven per cent. Clal Leasing 0.1, with a 10.1 per cent fall, led the specialized financial institution equities to lower price territory. Insurance shares managed to wind up the day on the upside. Yardenia 0.1 was ahead by 10.2 per cent, while a number of other issues in the group eked out small advances. Ararat 0.5 was a 10 per cent loser, while the 0.1 shares were registered as "sellers only."

The service and trade group was clearly lower. Yanech Computers was down by 10 per cent. The shares earlier were among a group of strong performers in the computer group. Sellers forced the Clal Computer shares to be listed as "sellers only." Nikuv Computers 1 share was 10.2 per cent lower, while the Nikuv 5 shares slid 12.6 per cent. Land development, real estate and citrus plantation securities were only moderately lower. Property & Building, in spite of its announcement of a proposed 100 per cent bonus share, eased by nearly one per cent. Isras, on the other hand, picked up a 10 per cent gain. Hadarim Properties was a 10 per cent loser, as was the case with Pri-O.

Industrials continued to lose ground. Urdan 0.1 was 9.2 per cent lower, while the 0.5 shares lost a full 10 per cent. Elron and Elbit were down by minute margins. Alliance, on the other hand, was clipped for a 15 per cent loss. Arit was 7.7 per cent lower, while Dafra 5 was clipped for a 10 per cent fall. Vitalgo 5 lost 10.3 per cent. The Zik 1 shares were in poor shape after absorbing a 40 per cent clobbering. The shares had traded as "sellers only" for the preceding two sessions. The Zik 5 shares, which had followed a similar route, only lost 13 per cent. Molett, which announced on Sunday that it had suffered losses, was established as "sellers only." More than a small number of other issues piled up 10 per cent losses.

Investment company securities were sharply lower. Wolfson 0.1 was down by a full 10 per cent, as Oz Investments 0.1 was falling by 15 per cent. There was a net demand for the Clal Industries shares, but they traded unchanged. Oil share prices were mostly lower, though the falls were small. Dollar denominated bonds fell by about three per cent, on the average, while the Glibos, dollar linked bonds, were two per cent lower. The shekel was devalued by 101 agorot against the dollar.

Sharir asks Treasury for \$5m. to promote tourism

By HAIM SHAPIRO
The government departments brightening their belts across the Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir yesterday asked the Treasury for an additional \$25 million to attract more visitors to Israel. The request came during a four-meeting between Sharir and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen, together with senior officials from his staffs and members of the tourism industry. The request for no immediate response to the Treasury, but representatives of the two ministries are to meet up with a budget for funding and promotion during the fortnight. According to Sharir, the investment of a considerably increased number of tourists coming to Israel, from one million to 1.5 million, over a three-year period, he said, would result in a total income in foreign currency of \$2 billion, as well as create jobs for some 25,000 people. The plan also calls for the lower costs to the tourists, in air, hotels and tours. In addition to the money for promotion, Sharir called for cuts in areas that affect tourism, such as landing fee for planes, which is particularly high in Israel. Other requests involved charging Euro-

ly costly, in their own currency, rather than in dollars, as is the present practice. The areas in which the additional \$25m. would be spent include advertising and public relations abroad, hosting foreign journalists, and members of the travel trade, and representing the country at exhibitions and in special events. Allocations for the second and third year would be set in accordance with the results of the first year of the campaign. No mention was made of the possibility of renewed hostilities, which could drastically cut into the number of visitors. In reacting to the meeting, Hotel Association director, Moshe Amir, told "The Jerusalem Post" that the hoteliers would only lower prices and contribute to promotion efforts if other branches of the industry also paid their share. Amir said he left the meeting with the feeling that no operative plan for the immediate future had actually been presented. The El Al spokesman told "The Post" that the national airline had actually embarked on a series of cheap package programmes months before Sharir had made his proposals. He singled out a current offer of \$839 for a six-day visit here, including air fare from the U.S., hotel accommodation and a rental car, with the opportunity of extending the stay. Other packages involve flights from Europe to Eilat and to kibbutz guest houses.

Nigeria seeks to reschedule debts of \$5b.

LONDON (AP) — Nigeria will be approaching officials in London in the coming weeks to seek rescheduling of billions of dollars in debts, the Financial Times reported Monday. The business daily said a team of Nigerian officials will ask "British Exporters' and the British Exporters' Credit Guarantee Department to reschedule their share of the country's estimated \$4 billion to \$5b. owing in trade payments. It said the Nigerian government is hoping for a repayment period of up to six years and sees the rescheduling as a first step toward a comprehensive credit package with Nigeria's major suppliers. Nigeria, whose economy underwent an oil boom in the late seventies, has been hit by an employment, inflation and debt crisis in consequence of the falling price of its crude oil.

Wait interest rates up after blasts

AIT (AP) — Short-term bank on Kuwait's local financial market spiralled over the past week result of the December 12 rash bomb blasts against the American and French embassies and local public utilities, according to a weekly report of the National Interest issued Monday. Naturally the Kuwaiti dinar was affected by Monday's news, which pushed the rate for 90-day money transactions to 10 per cent from the four per cent

which was changed at the beginning of the week," the report said. The bank said the Kuwaiti dinar weakened versus the dollar during the week, with the dollar exchange at 293.30 fils instead of 292.80 fils, which was the exchange rate for the previous week. The Kuwaiti dinar has 100 fils. The report attributed the dollar's firmness to the political situation in the Middle East, a real rise in U.S. interest rates and the economic recovery in the U.S.

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No economic solutions

THE AGREEMENT signed on Sunday night by the Treasury, the employers and the Histadrut for a 17.9 per cent advance on the cost-of-living allowance payable at the beginning of February is no doubt better than no agreement at all. Failure to reach the agreement would have set off a wave of debilitating strikes, which the country can ill afford.

This being said, it should nevertheless be made clear what this agreement — with its tacit undertaking by the Histadrut to maintain "industrial peace" — really means, and what it does not mean. The belated compensation now to be paid to wage earners (in shekels that continue to lose value at the rate of at least half a per cent a day) has already been more than eroded by the price rises of November and December. By the time the regular cost-of-living allowance is paid, in February, and the present advance is deducted, real wages will have fallen by as much as 50 per cent by comparison with October.

The agreement on the payment of the advance could, and should, have been signed before. As it is, there are several jokers in the pack. Finance Minister Yigael Cohen-Orgad has agreed to raise the tax brackets in line with inflation. But at what rate? Is it to be the full rate of inflation in November, 21.1 per cent, or by the 17.9 per cent of the cost-of-living allowance advance only? If the latter — which was the new-old practice reintroduced by ex-finance minister Yoram Aridor with the consent of the compliant Histadrut — then wages will be eroded even more, while the cost of labour to the employers will rise by the full extent of inflation.

If the former, then at least wage earners will not hand over an increasing share of their already shrunken wages to the Treasury.

Another joker is the mysterious figure of 12 per cent to which the finance minister has pegged the necessary fall in the level of real wages. What does he mean? Is it 12 per cent by comparison with September-October this year, by comparison with the average for 1983, or the average of 1982?

No matter which — one thing is clear: No one will compensate the wage earners for the losses they already have taken and continue to take. Comparisons of the real wage level at two different points in time never take account of the cumulative losses (or gains) in between.

What is also clear is that it is the wage earners, and almost they alone (some small businessmen may also begin to feel the pinch, but they are generally more comfortably padded by being able to eat into their capital) who are made to bear the burden of policy born of panic. The panic broke out when the crash on the stock exchange in October, and the leakage of Yoram Aridor's "dollarization plan," revealed what had been known for a long time: that the economy, and its balance of payments position, had been brought to the verge of bankruptcy.

What seems to be immune to the panic, however, is government spending. Wages shrink, profits (some say) contract, exports become less and less profitable — but government expenditure shows no sign of contracting. On the contrary — it is on the rise.

Wise and conscientious people, within and outside government service, are looking for a way out. The truth that must be driven home, however, is that when a country finds itself in Israel's condition, there are no longer only strictly economic solutions to economic problems. The solution must and can only be political — to have a different policy, that is a different set of priorities from that of the present government.

As long as this is not understood, the citizenry will keep on paying the bill presented by the government they have elected — possibly not realizing the full measure of the cost.

IN HIS ATTACK on the "abominable" system of the welfare state (*The Jerusalem Post*, December 4) David Krivine paints a horrendous picture of a worldwide socialist conspiracy whose "gigantic tentacles" have "started to suffocate society" by "impoverishing the population" and "subjecting the recipients of welfare to 'humiliations' and 'degrading' experiences."

How did this come about? "... The old-time socialists," Krivine writes, "despised the masses... The citizen's object in life, it was stated on the highest authority, is to get drunk."

The identity of this "highest authority" is not disclosed. Presumably, he was the president of the conspirators.

Let us get away from rhetoric and look at the facts. First of all, it was not the socialists who invented the welfare state: its seeds may be discerned in the reforms instituted just a century ago by Bismarck, the "Iron Chancellor," in order to spike the socialist guns.

Two other landmarks in the genesis of the welfare state were Lloyd George's National Insurance Act of 1911 and, most notably, the Beveridge Report of 1942. Both men responsible were Liberals, and one of their motives was to provide an alternative to socialism.

That was why some socialists expressed reservations about the welfare-state system, and it was considerably expanded in several West European countries under non-socialist governments.

Nor, of course, was it socialists who developed the social security system in the United States. While the socialists were also concerned with the more equal distribution of existing wealth, which is one of the objectives of the welfare state, their main goal was to extend public control of the economy in order to meet the needs of the people (rather than the owners' need for profits) and to provide the workers with a higher standard of living.

The charge that "welfare-state socialists" (or any other kind) "have reduced the capacity of society to create wealth, have held back and even lowered living standards, and not perceptibly reduced economic

MODERN technological society has discovered ways of prolonging life without giving much thought to the new social problems that accompany this phenomenon. Israel is no different from Western countries in this respect and therefore faces these very same issues.

In Israel at the time of the founding of the state, only 3.4 per cent of the population was over 65. In 1975, the figure was 8.7 per cent, and by the year 2000, it is predicted to reach 10.1 per cent. The age group of 75 plus (old-old) by the year 2000 will have doubled.

The capacity of many older people to work, to create, to contribute leadership and the wisdom of experience to the community and to enjoy leisure time, their families, friends and neighbours is encouraging. But some live in fear and despair, in anguish and isolation. Some are disabled, mentally impaired or poverty-stricken. The elderly are a very heterogeneous population.

Ageing does not necessarily have to present a problem if we prepare

'Abominable' conspiracy

By MISHA LOUVISH

inequality" has no foundation in fact.

The spread of the welfare state has been accompanied by higher productivity, improved living standards and less inequality — though, of course, there is still a very long way to go.

IS THE SYSTEM degrading and humiliating? Perhaps I may be permitted to give my personal experience. Having subscribed to National Insurance during my working life in Israel, I can now, in my middle seventies, enjoy a modest pension.

I also receive a pension as a result of my years in government service. This is known as a "budgetary" pension, but actually it has been paid for by the Histadrut, accepting a lower salary scale than would have been necessary if it had been financed by regular deductions from my pay.

I don't find any of this in the least degrading. I know that I've paid for it all, whether by the compulsory National Insurance dues or by my contribution, in proportion to my income during the years when my earnings were comparatively high, to the government's tax revenues which cover part of the cost.

It should be added that everybody I meet is just as aware as I am that these provisions for old age are not charity and can be used, without the slightest loss of self-respect, to enable us to take it easy, if we so choose, after a lifetime of service.

And I haven't had to go cap in hand to anyone; my rights are defined by law or by collective agreements, and if I felt that I was not getting my due, I could have gone to the courts for a remedy.

WHAT ABOUT medical insurance — a better name for the services provided by the Histadrut and other funds than "Kupat Holim"? Here, too, I am enjoying the fruits of payments I have made in the past, whether as Kupat Holim's share of my Histadrut dues (most of the rest of which went to provide trade union protection for my wages and working conditions) or as my fair share of the tax revenue from which the government subsidizes the fund.

Here again, I have not experienced the "humiliation" and "degradation" referred to in the Krivine article. I have known a variety of doctors, one or two bad, some indifferent, and some very good indeed. The same applies to the officials in the office. My branch, Katamon Vav, has — as its name implies — a mixed clientele. Sometimes the patients waiting their turn get impatient and suspicious if anyone seems to be trying to jump the queue.

THE BASIC WEAKNESS of the system is one facet of its great merit: it covers the greater part of the population. If it was restricted to those who have the money to pay even a part of the cost, the clinics would not be crowded because the poor would just have to stay away and suffer — or die. That would be the inevitable result of the remedy which Krivine suggests, for no conceivable method of income equalization by taxes could provide everyone with enough money to pay all the costs of modern medicine.

Let me again, give some of the results of my own experience: For about two-thirds of my membership, I hardly needed any medical attention for myself or my family.

As the years went by, various kinds of ailments developed, and

my wife and I have benefited from tests and types of treatment that would have reduced me to beggary if I had to pay for them at the time they were needed.

This does not mean that we have had to resort to charity; it means that, through the social welfare system, we have spread out our expenditure rationally over the years, putting aside the money, by payment of Histadrut dues and national taxes — direct and indirect — during the period when we did not need to use it, so that it is available now, when we do.

The system also spreads out the expenditure in what might be called two other dimensions.

Firstly, owing to the progressive rates of income tax and, to a smaller extent, Histadrut dues, those who have more pay a higher proportion of the cost than those who are poor.

Secondly, those who are fortunate enough to enjoy good health cover part of the cost of looking after those who suffer from serious illness or are faced with sudden emergencies like accidents at work or on the roads.

THE IDEA that anyone except the very rich could save enough money to provide for suitable treatment if he was severely injured in a car crash or found that he was suffering from cancer is preposterous. So is the expectation that the bank would help in an emergency, when the potential borrower would be a very big risk. And if he had to appeal to the social welfare service we would have just the situation of depending on the decisions of an official that Krivine regards as abominable.

Besides, it is utterly impossible that private enterprise could build and maintain all the schools, hospitals, clinics and so forth required. Commercial corporations would never establish adequate training facilities for doctors, nurses, social workers, teachers and the like, so that Krivine's system would soon collapse for lack of personnel.

It is also an illusion to imagine that privatization would increase efficiency. In the United States, for example, the expenditure per head on medical services is about 50 per cent higher than the West European average, and the facilities available are considerably inferior.

Moreover, the last country in the world where economies in state expenditure on the social sector would significantly reduce the burden of taxation is Israel, where three-quarters of the budget devoted to defence and debt payments, and only a quarter goes covering the entire civilian expenditure of the government. THERE ARE a number of glaring inconsistencies in the Krivine article. It condemns "the socialist solution" — namely, "to equalize through impoverishment, by taking money away from the wealthy," — then, a few paragraphs later, praises the method of progressive taxation, which takes money from the rich but says that the money should be given to the poor "instead of to civil service."

It omits to state what would happen to the incentive for work if poor were given, out of taxaid enough money to pay the fees of privately run schools and charges of the privately run hospitals.

The GNP is not expanding, says, "because the economy is strangled by the public sector enormous budgets and Treasury's monstrous budgets" and then discloses — indirectly in parenthesis — that the GNP expanded by an average of about per cent a year during the decades before the current one.

These were the two decades when Labour was in power and laid foundations for our own well state system.

Perhaps, instead of this futile exercise in Milton Friedmanism, 64,000-dollar question should Why was the rapid and sustained economic growth, coupled controlled inflation, and a steady drop in the adverse balance of payments during a quarter of a century of Labour rule, replaced by galloping inflation, economic stagnation and a growing payments deficit since the Likud took over?

Since the social-welfare system was a more or less common factor under both regimes, it is reasonable to seek the answer in differences between the ideological outlooks and policies of the political movements concerned.

The writer is Jewish involved in L. Paris affairs.

Coming of age

By ZEV HYMOWITZ

properly for it. We pray for long life and, of course, we hope to be healthy. However, given today's economic climate, many intelligent people are concerned as to whether there will be adequate services available to them.

The government and the public sector today offer a range of services, homes for the aged, which serve the gamut from the ambulatory to psychogeriatrics, protected housing, day centres, home care, medical services, meals on wheels and other community projects. Society's goal is to keep the aged person living in his familiar surroundings as long as possible. Ninety-five per cent of the nation's elderly should be able to do so. Are existing services sufficient to meet

the needs of today and tomorrow? Does the private sector have a greater role to play?

ISRAELI SOCIETY has not yet responded adequately to meet the needs of its burgeoning aged population, despite the substantial progress made in the development of programmes to meet their needs. The aged need adequate income, health care, home-care services, adequate housing, social services, legal assistance, opportunities for employment, good food, opportunities for socialization and constructive use of leisure time, and, when needed, decent institutional care.

The government sponsors many homes for the aged and has begun

to build housing appropriate for the needs of this population. Many more of these housing units are required. Eshel, the Association for the Planning and Development of Services for the Aged, which is a project of the Joint Distribution Committee and the government, has played an important role in developing models and influencing standards for these housing developments and for homes for the aged throughout the country.

The private sector has built some housing complexes and operates homes for the aged. However, many more are required just to meet today's need. Taking into account the current economic situation, the Government should offer incentives to the private sector, including overseas investors, to provide adequate housing for the substantial sector of the elderly population that can afford these facilities, thus freeing the government to provide for the remainder.

The 5 per cent of the population that will need institutional care poses no less of a problem. Here

too, the government's resource not sufficient, and we shall have to invite private initiative to supplement its efforts.

Since this is a critical issue to the government and the private sector are natural allies in facing new set of challenges and opportunities. Partnership in a welfare state with the private sector is no longer a debatable point, as a matter of fact, it already plays a significant role. With appropriate standards and regulations enforced by the state, there is little need for concern. The private sector should be invited in with even greater force.

We seek different ways to encourage our brethren overseas well as our own citizens, to invest private enterprise where a good can be achieved. What good can there be than invest our elderly citizens to assure well-being during a critical juncture in their life?

The writer is director of the Distribution Committee-Israeli, chairman of Eshel.

POSTSCRIPTS

FEW OF US may know about it, but the short-toed eagle is one of our most common summer visitors. Like the spur-winged plover, the teal and the garganey, the pintail and the shoveler, these birds visit Israel every year and can be seen at their nesting places or along their migratory routes.

Information about these birds and where to see them is to be found in a new English pamphlet, *Birdwatching in Israel*, by Ester Lachman and issued by the Society for Protection of Nature in Israel.

Especially impressive are the colour photographs by Yossi Eshkol, tempting even the most sedentary of us to run out with field glasses and scan the skies. According to SPNI ornithologist Yossi Leshem, the booklet was largely a result of an article by Bill Clark in *The Jerusalem Post* describing the bird-watching station at Kafr Kassem. Following the article, Leshem says, the station was inundated with English-speaking bird-watchers and the SPNI realized the interest of this segment of the population in its activities.

H.S.

THE ISRAEL BOND organization in the U.S. has launched a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Eleanor Roosevelt's birth. James Roosevelt, eldest son of the late president and Mrs. Roosevelt, friends of the Roosevelt family and Jewish community leaders participated in the launching of the year-long observance recently at a reception in New York.

Mr. Roosevelt will serve as national honorary chairman of the Centennial Committee, which includes Mrs. Ronald Reagan, Mrs. Jimmy Carter, Mrs. Gerald Ford, Mrs. Richard Nixon, Mrs. Lyndon Johnson and Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis as honorary members.

The commemoration will take the form of a series of community dinners in the U.S. and Canada honouring men and women, both Jews and non-Jews, who have distinguished themselves in business, government, humanitarian, civic, or cultural endeavours.

Eleanor Roosevelt purchased one of the first Israel Bonds in June, 1951 when the Bond organization was founded. From Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury under President Roosevelt and a close friend of the family, Morgenthau was chairman of the Bond campaign's board of governors in the early years of the Bond organization.

Mrs. Roosevelt visited Israel eight times and met with all of Israel's leaders in the 1950s and early 1960s.

READERS' LETTERS

CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I must take issue with Sylvia Vickoon's letter (December 12).

I can understand the Jews' deep sensitivity about missionary activity from which they have suffered so much through the ages in the Diaspora. However, the Jews of Israel are under no such handicap.

No one can force them to convert; and the suggestion that missionaries can "destroy the Jewish

soul" is an outrage. The only thing that can destroy the human soul — Jewish or otherwise — is hate and the extremes of selfishness and materialism.

Most of us — Christians or of Christian origin — help Israel without ulterior motive, but from a sense of guilt for past history and shame for former ignorance, leading to a genuine love for Israel and respect for the Jewish people.

HARRIET GODDARD

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I am a tourist, a citizen of the United Kingdom and a resident of Zimbabwe.

On December 3, in Tiberias, I was part of a group of people that were stoned and verbally abused by certain Israeli citizens because of our love for Jesus Christ. While this was happening we did not retaliate but continued our worship as best as possible. We had babies and children with us.

A Jewish friend in Zimbabwe, prior to my departure, showed me a brochure on Israel, which stated that there is freedom of worship for people of all religions. I do not think this is true.

I am not a missionary. I love and worship the God of Israel and yes, I do love Jesus, but am here as a visitor. I am only one woman, but for what it's worth I am a friend of Israel, in a world that mostly doesn't

care about her. I live in a country that is officially hostile toward Israel but I am one of many Christians in Zimbabwe who have positive things to say about your people. This is because I love and fear the God of Israel and I care about the Jewish people. Without Jesus I, as a gentile, would not even have access to the God of Israel and then I would be without hope in the world.

Is there or is there not freedom of worship for Messianic Jews and can Christian tourists like myself, worship where they choose and be left in peace? If this freedom exists, what measures are going to be taken to protect such people from violence and harassment?

A thought in closing — what on earth are events like this going to do to your tourist industry?

S.J.L. GIBB
Harare, Zimbabwe.

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I was delighted to read (December 7) that Beth Shalom will not be building a missionary centre in Gilo as planned.

On behalf of others in Gilo who also opposed the project I would like to express appreciation to Mayor Teddy Kolek for his sensitivity to our feelings, and, as your report indicated, for advising Beth Shalom not to go ahead with the project. This is a fine example of a mayor putting the interests of local residents before other interests.

It is also an example of how residents in a local neighbourhood who oppose a local development can use peaceful and democratic means to register their opposition — and succeed.

MICHAEL JACOBS
Gilo, Jerusalem.

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